

## BNL Seminar

# First T2K Neutrino Oscillation Results

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- Background
- Experiment
  - Accelerator
  - Near Detectors
  - Far Detector (SK)
- Results
  - $\nu_{\mu}$  Disappearance Measurement
  - $\nu_e$  Appearance Search

# The Earthquake

- As you might expect, the situation after the March 11 quake is changing rapidly
- No T2K collaborators or JPARC staff were injured
  - ➔ Most foreign collaborators left Japan following the quake
- Preliminary inspections are being carried out by on-site collaborators
  - ➔ No “significant” damage found
- KEK and JPARC are beginning to open for visitors
- Power is still limited
- No official word on when the next T2K run will start

# T2K Goals

- Search for  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$  ( $\nu_e$  appearance) consistent with  $|\Delta m^2_{13}|$ 
  - ➔ Observation will indicate non-zero  $\theta_{13}$ 
    - But, sensitive to admixture of  $\theta_{13}$  and  $\delta_{CP}$
  - ➔ First direct observation of  $\nu_e$ ,  $\nu_\mu$  or  $\nu_\tau$  appearance
- Precision measurement of  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu$  ( $\nu_\mu$  disappearance)
  - ➔ Measure  $|\Delta m^2_{13}|$  and  $\theta_{23}$
- Neutrino properties at  $E_\nu \sim 700$  MeV
  - ➔ Narrow band off axis neutrino beam.

# Neutrino Oscillation Redux

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} \\ U_{\mu 1} & U_{\mu 2} & U_{\mu 3} \\ U_{\tau 1} & U_{\tau 2} & U_{\tau 3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Solar Mixing:  $\Delta m^2_{12}, \theta_{12}$

Atmospheric Mixing:  $|\Delta m^2_{13}|, \theta_{23}$

$\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$  appearance (disappearance)  
at L/E consistent with  $|\Delta m^2_{13}|$

Unknown:  $\theta_{13}, \delta_{CP}, \text{sign}(\Delta m^2_{13})$

neutrino/anti-neutrino  
differences

matter effects

# The T2K Collaboration



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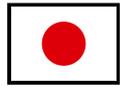
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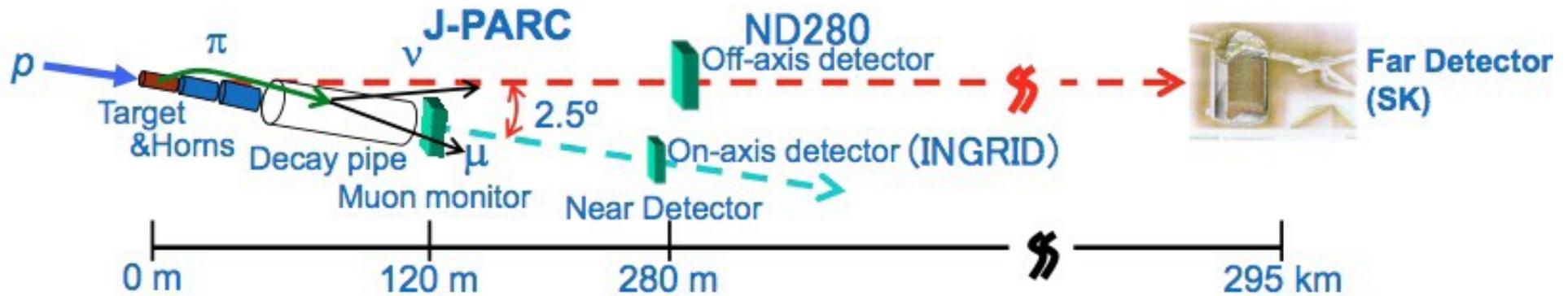


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12 Countries  
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 ~500 Members

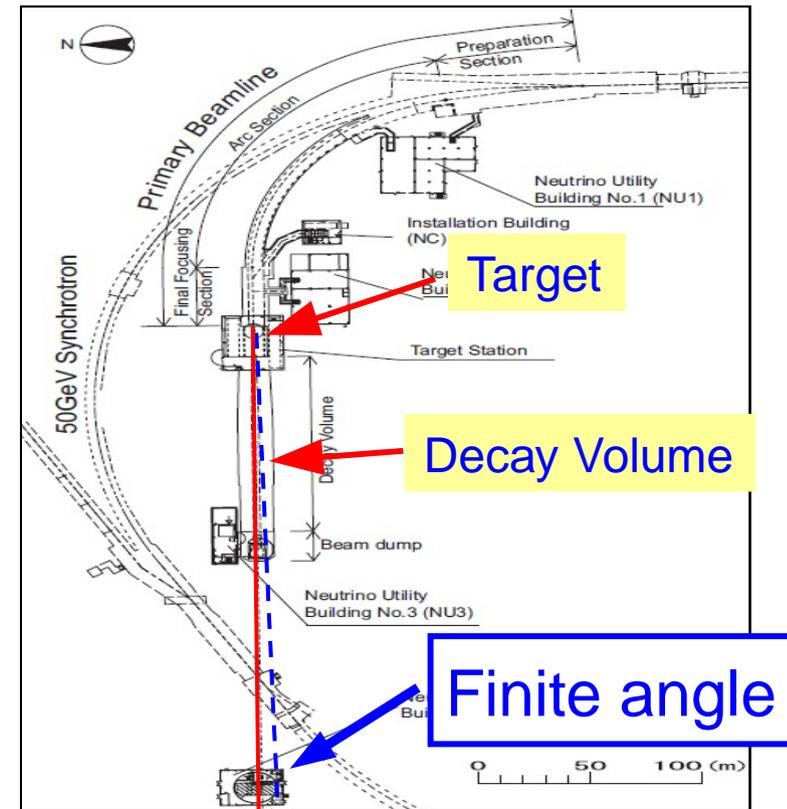
# T2K Overview



- Beam
  - ➔ 30 GeV proton beam on 90 cm graphite target
  - ➔ 3 magnetic horns focus positively charged hadrons
- Beam Monitoring
  - ➔ Primary proton beam intensity, position, profile
  - ➔ Muon monitors after beam dump: secondary beam intensity/direction
- Near Detector at 280 m
  - ➔ INGRID on-axis:  $\nu$  beam direction/intensity
  - ➔ ND280 off-axis:  $\nu$  beam flavor/flux/spectrum and cross-section
- Far Detector at 295 km @ 2.5 degree off-axis
  - ➔ Super-Kamiokande:  $\nu$  flavor/flux/spectrum

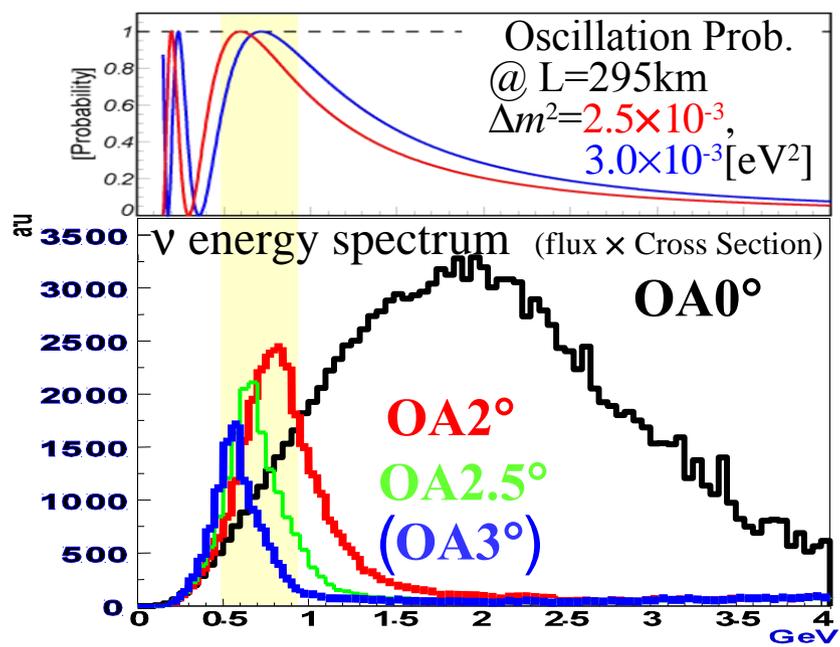
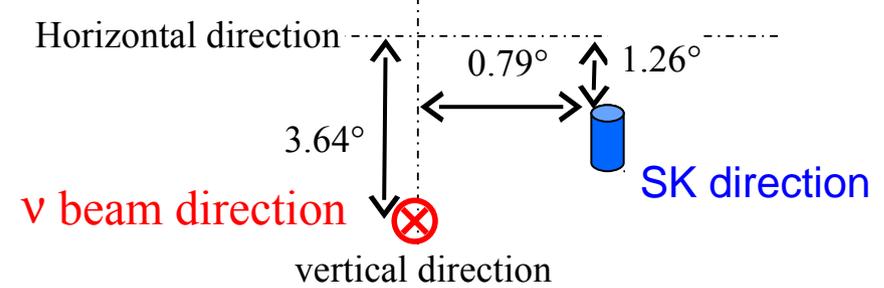
# T2K Off Axis Neutrino Beam

- Pseudo-monochromatic off axis neutrino beam (ref. BNL E899)
  - ➔  $\nu_\mu$  beam doesn't go directly toward far detector.
  - ➔ T2K off axis angle is **2.504°**
- Set peak of (flux  $\times$   $\sigma_{CC}$ ) near oscillation max.
  - ➔ Minimize the high energy neutrino flux to reduce the background events.

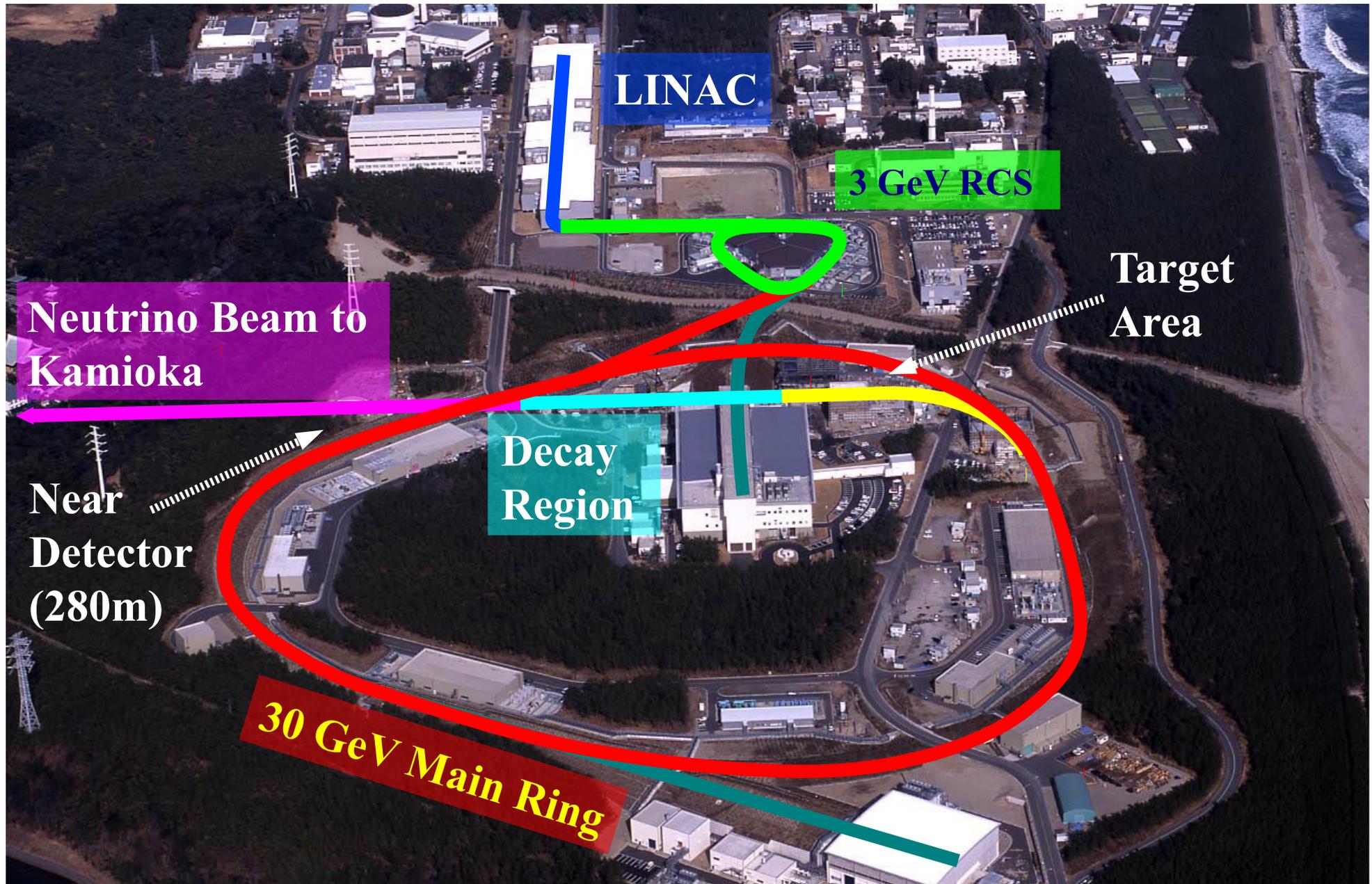


$\nu$  beam center SK direction

## Beam's Eye View

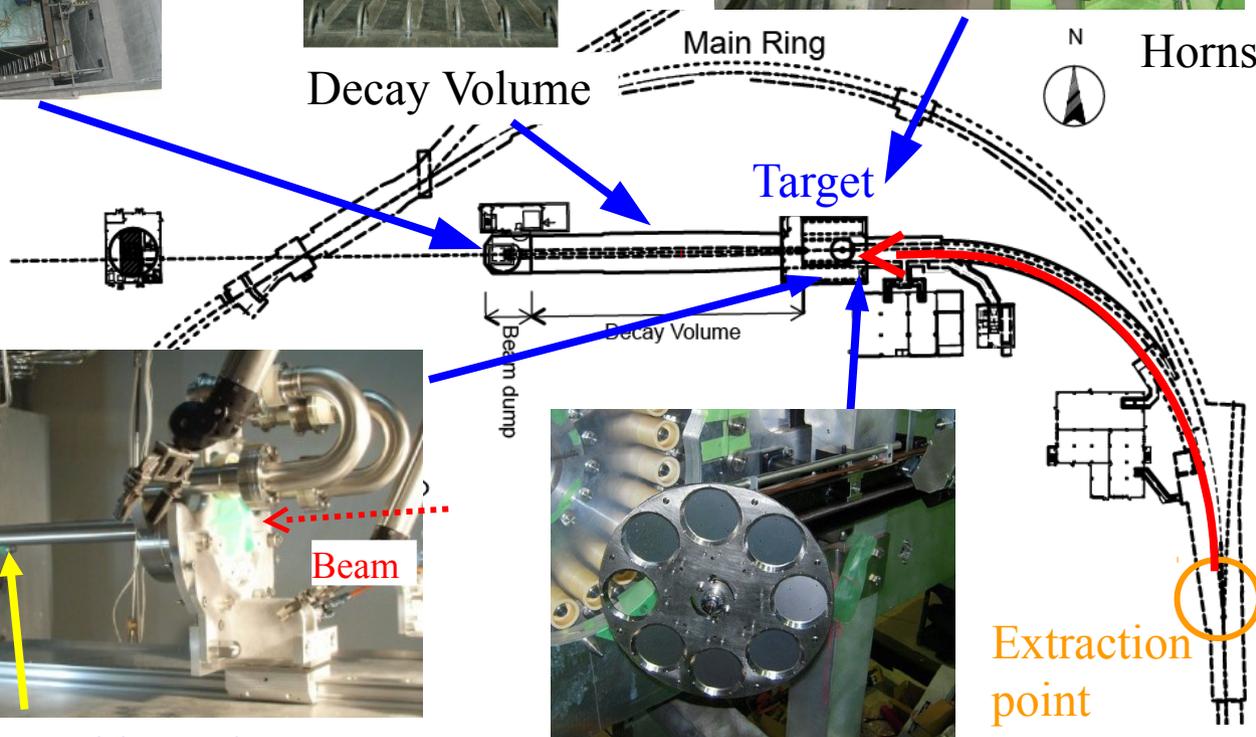


# J-PARC facility (KEK/JAEA)

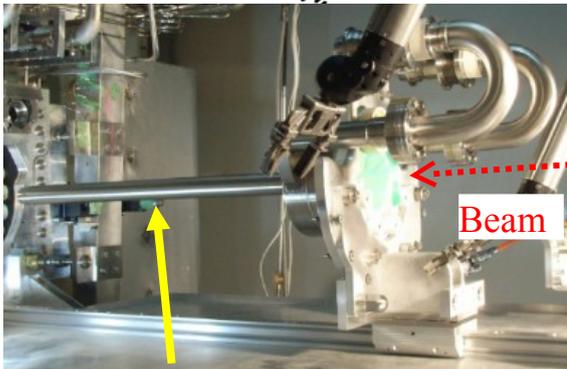


# J-PARC v Beam Line

Beam Dump



Super-conducting combined-function magnets



Target: graphite rod  
 $\phi 26\text{mm}, L=900\text{mm}$



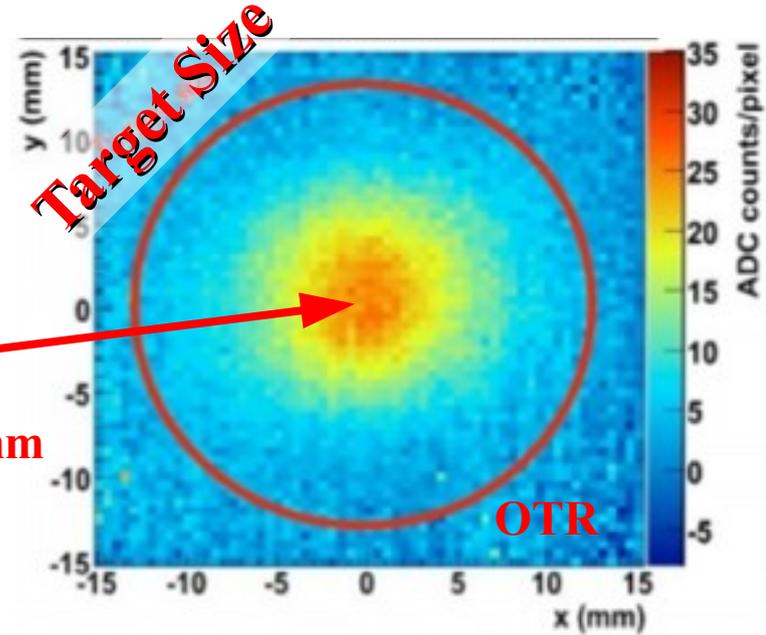
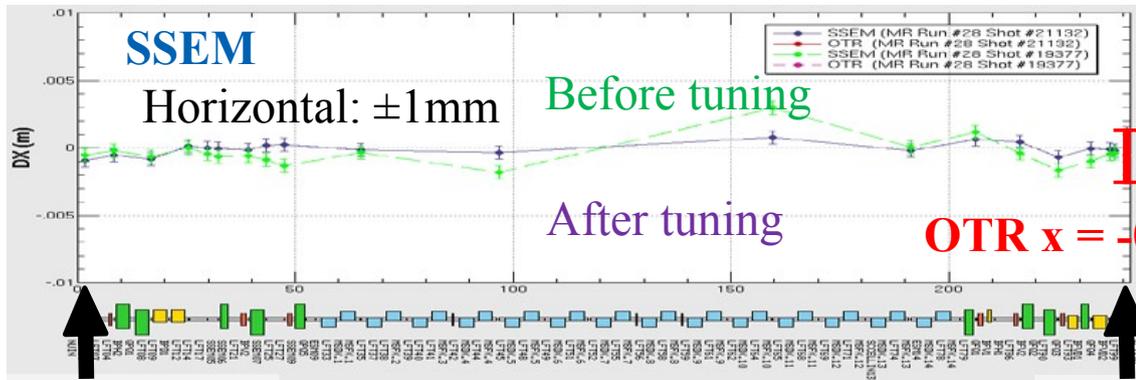
Optical Transition Radiation (OTR)  
 Profile monitor



Corrector coils installed  
 in beam line

# Beam Monitoring

Proton beam tuned to minimize beam loss and control neutrino beam direction



MR Extraction

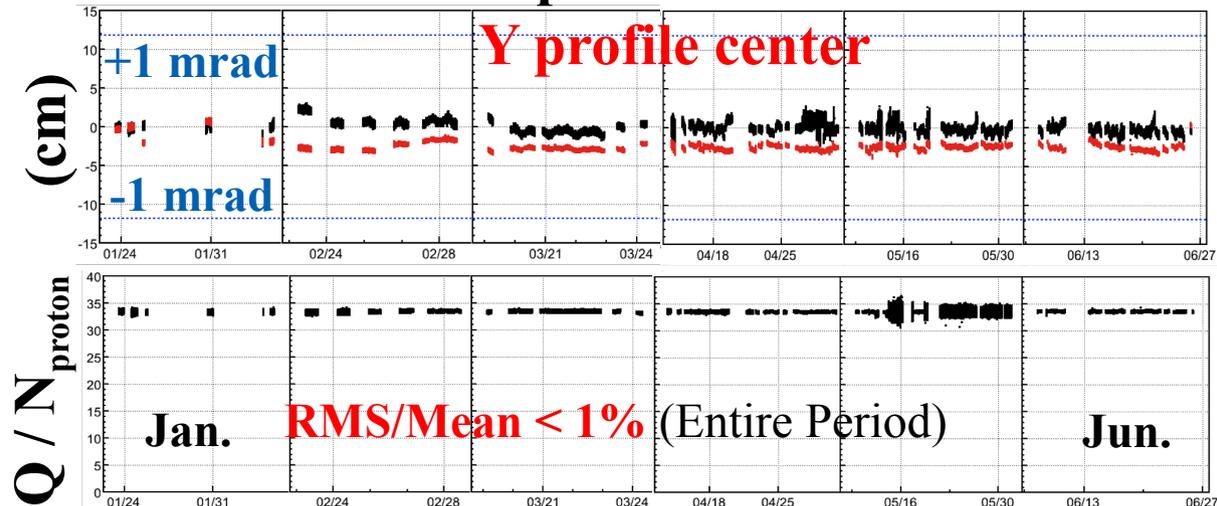
Target

X profile center

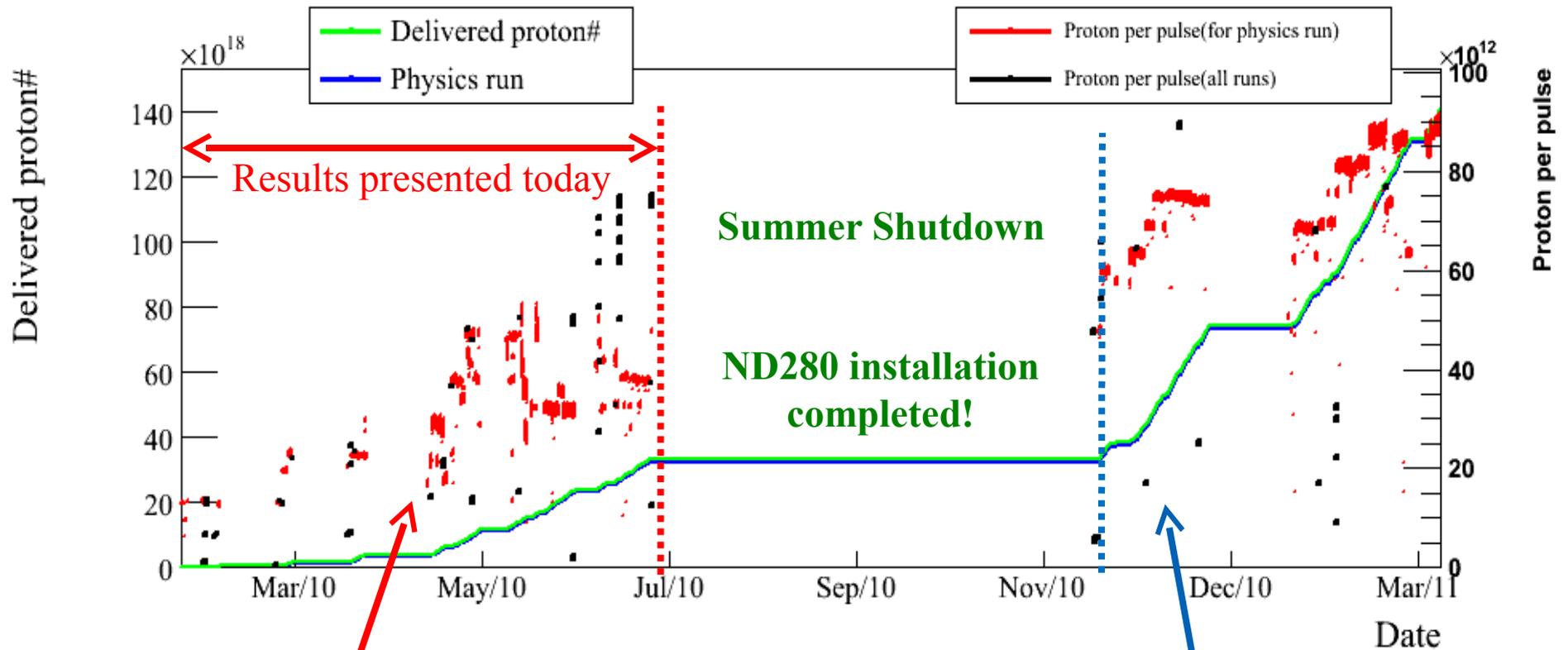
## Muon Monitors

Measure secondary beam direction and intensity for every spill

Direction controlled to better than 1 mrad during the entire period



# Delivered Protons



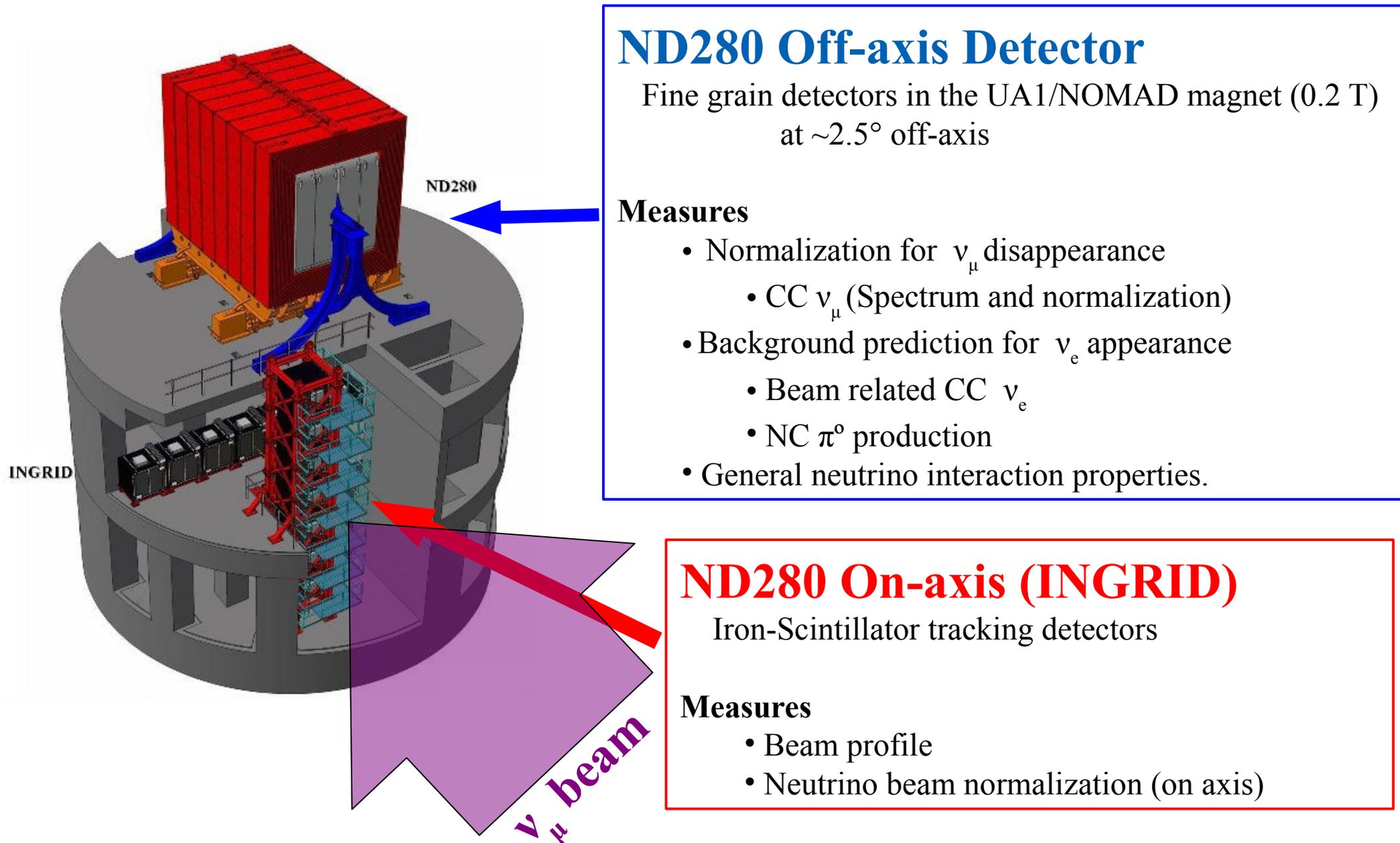
## T2K run 1 (Jan. to Jun. 2010)

- 6 bunches/spill, 3.5 s spill
- $3.23 \times 10^{19}$  POT for T2K analysis
- ~50 kW operation

## T2K run 2 (from Nov. 2010)

- 8 bunches/spill, 3.2 s  $\rightarrow$  3.04 s period
- Run 1 & 2 POT  $\sim 1.45 \times 10^{20}$
- Up to ~145 kW operation

# Near Detector @ 280 m From Target



## ND280 Off-axis Detector

Fine grain detectors in the UA1/NOMAD magnet (0.2 T)  
at  $\sim 2.5^\circ$  off-axis

### Measures

- Normalization for  $\nu_\mu$  disappearance
  - CC  $\nu_\mu$  (Spectrum and normalization)
- Background prediction for  $\nu_e$  appearance
  - Beam related CC  $\nu_e$
  - NC  $\pi^0$  production
- General neutrino interaction properties.

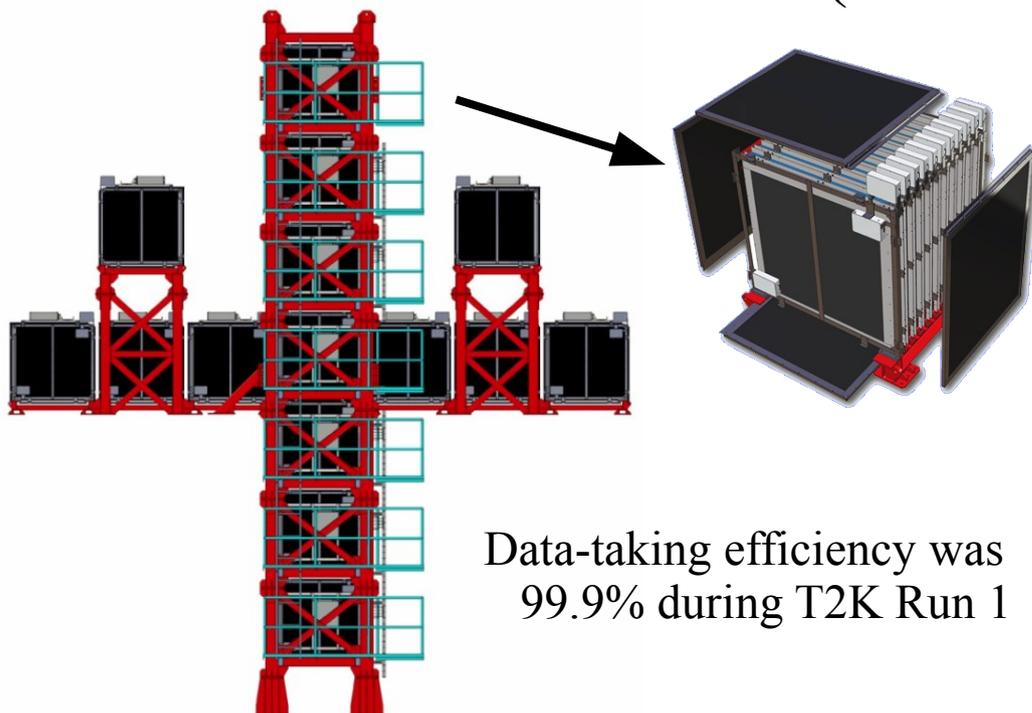
## ND280 On-axis (INGRID)

Iron-Scintillator tracking detectors

### Measures

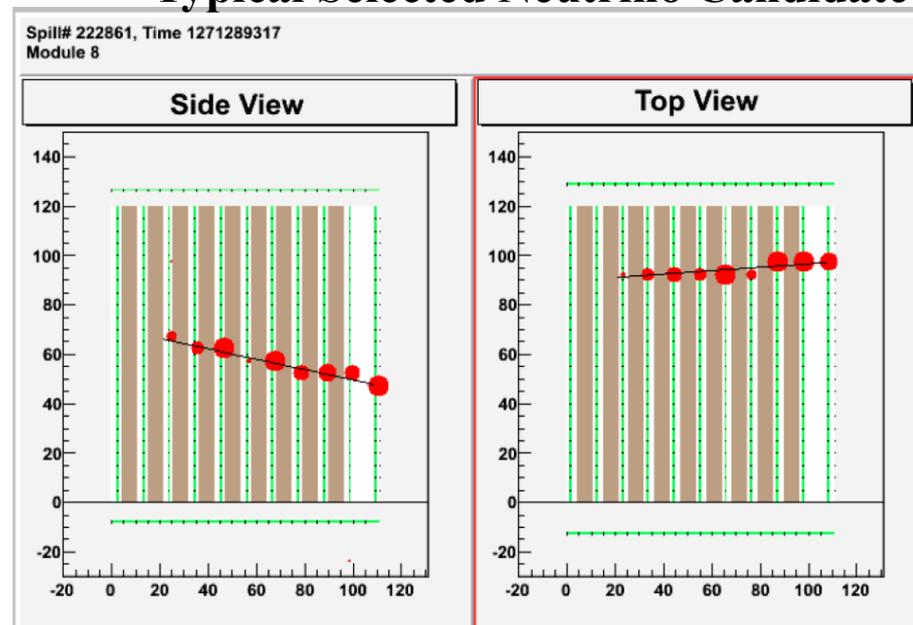
- Beam profile
- Neutrino beam normalization (on axis)

# ND280 On-axis $\nu$ Beam Monitor (INGRID)

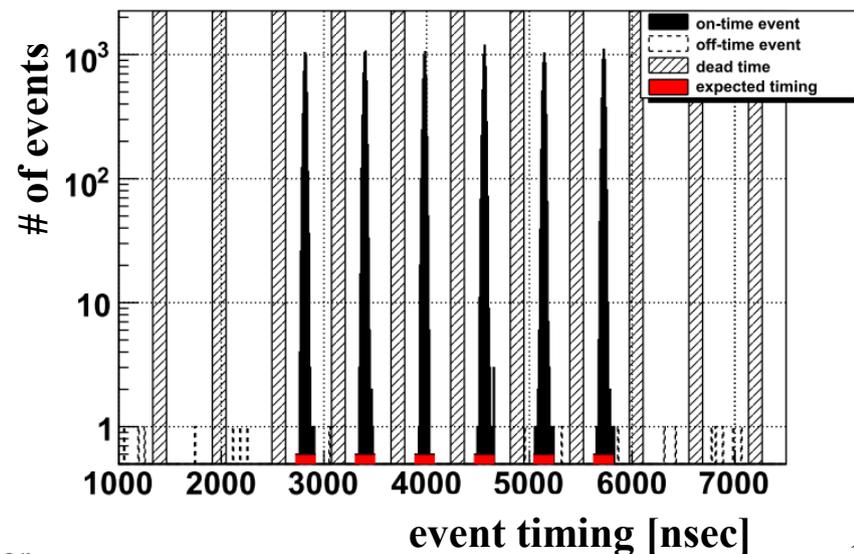


Data-taking efficiency was  
99.9% during T2K Run 1

## Typical Selected Neutrino Candidate



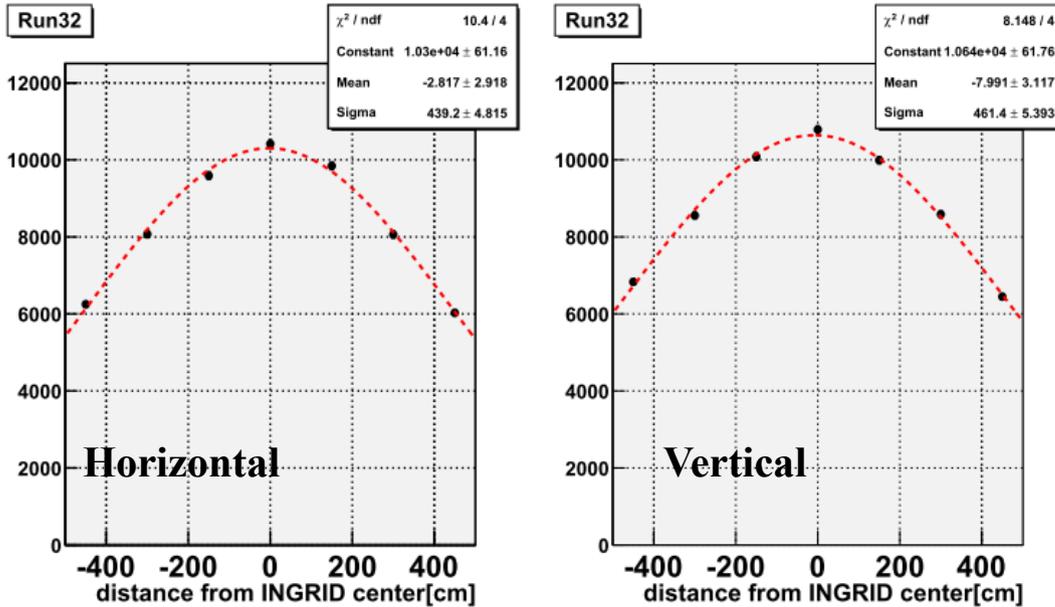
## event timing after neutrino event selection



- 7 by 7 cross + 2 off-cross + 1 proton modules
  - ➔ Alternating scintillator & iron layers
    - 7 ton per module
    - Scintillator + WLS + MPPC
  - ➔ Surrounding veto
  - ➔ 10 x 10 m<sup>2</sup> coverage
  - ➔ 1400 interactions/day/100 kW

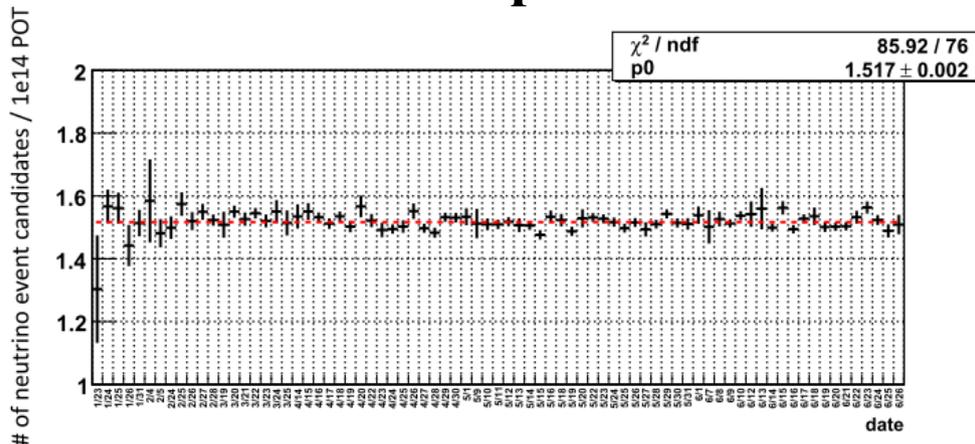
# INGRID v Beam Measurements

## v Beam Profile



(0.1 degree = 49cm @ INGRID)

## INGRID event rate per $1 \times 10^{14}$ POT



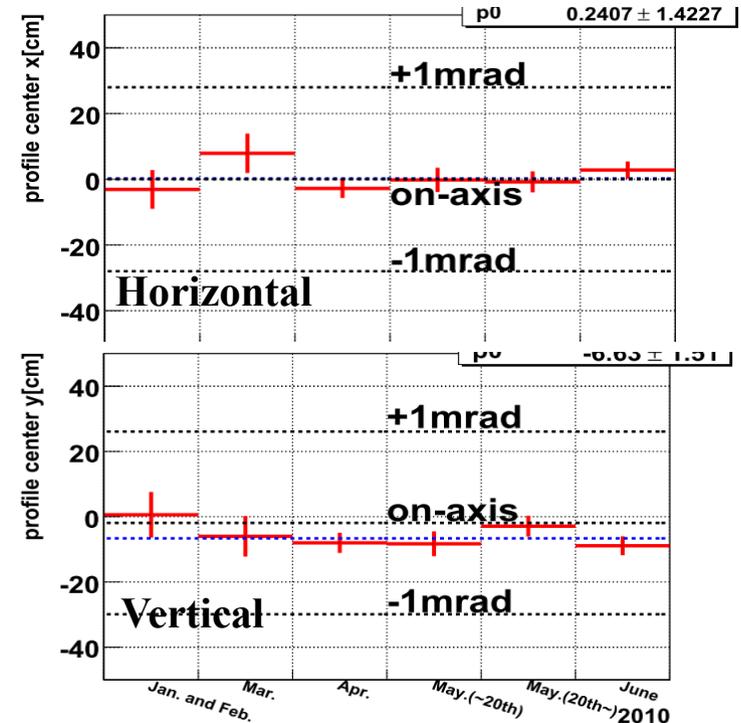
### ➤ Beam Center

- Horiz:  $+0.2 \pm 1.4$  (stat)  $\pm 9.2$  (sys) cm
- Vert:  $-6.6 \pm 1.5$  (stat)  $\pm 10.4$  (sys) cm
- Off-axis angle:  $2.519 \pm 0.021^\circ$ 
  - i.e.  $\pm 0.37$  mrad

### ➤ Event Rate

- Data/MC:  $1.073 \pm 0.001$  (stat)  $\pm 0.040$  (sys)

## Profile center



# ND280 Off-axis Detector

## Designed for measurement of

- Off-axis spectrum using CCQE
- Beam  $\nu_e$  contamination
- Super-K background (NC  $\pi^0$ )

### UA1 Magnet

- 0.2 T

### P0D ( $\pi^0$ Detector)

- Scintillator planes interleaved with water
- & lead/brass layers
- Optimized for  $\gamma$  detection
- Mass: 16.1 tons w/ water  
13.3 tons w/o water

### Tracker: FGDs+TPCs

### FGDs (x2) (Fine Grained Detectors)

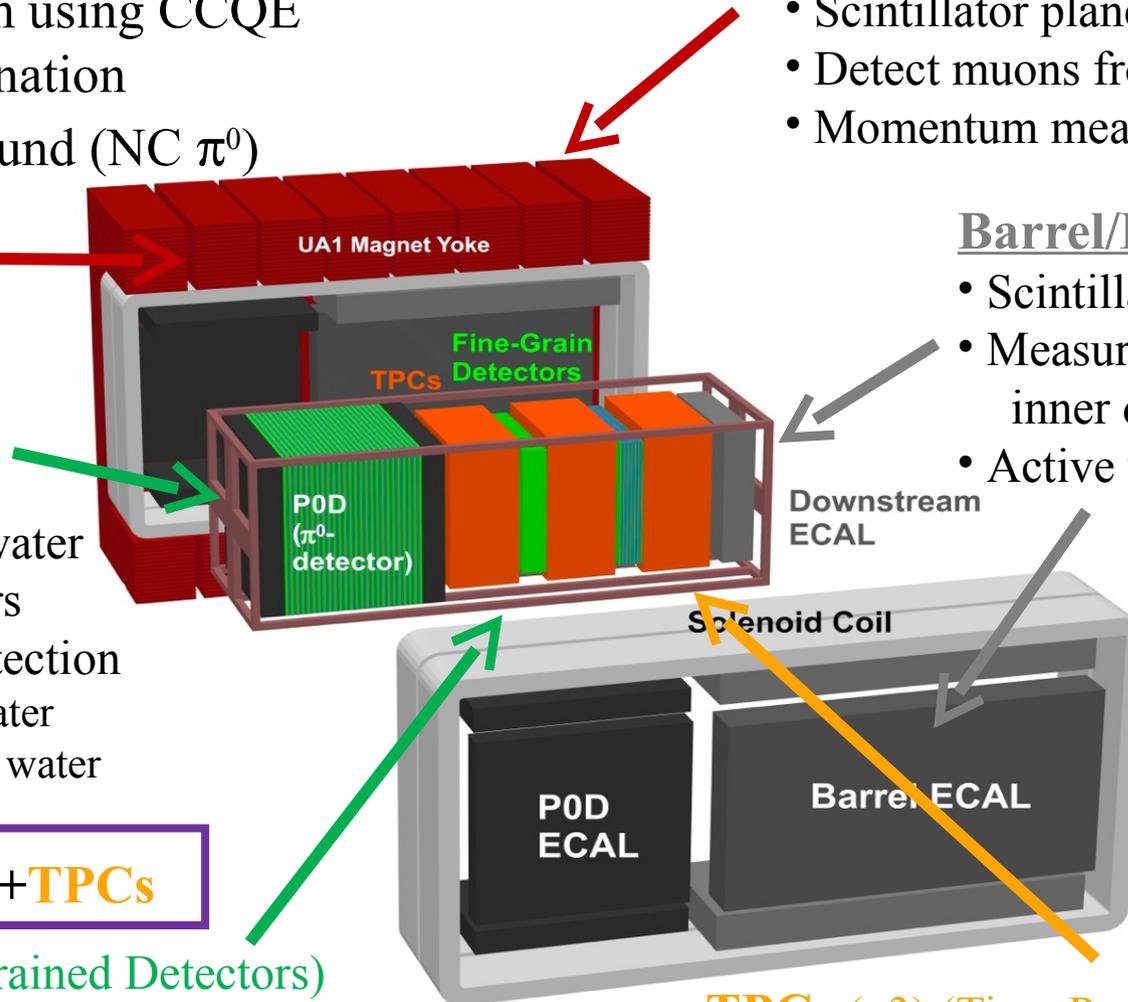
- Provide full active target mass
- FGD1: Scintillator planes  $\sim$  1 ton
- FGD2: Scinti. & water planes  $\sim$  0.5 & 0.5 ton

### SMRD (Side Muon Range Detector)

- Scintillator planes in magnet yoke
- Detect muons from inner detector
- Momentum measurement

### Barrel/DownStream ECAL

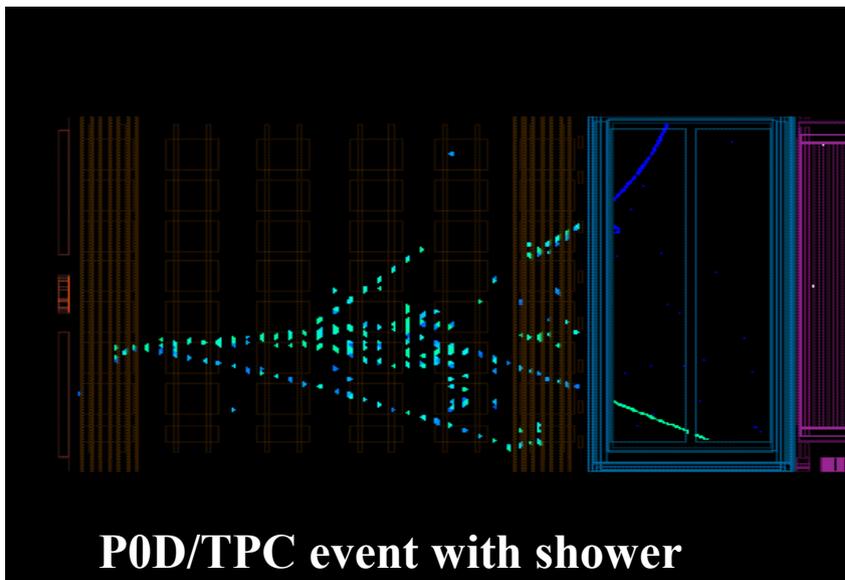
- Scintillator planes with radiator
- Measure EM showers from inner detector ( $\gamma$  for NC  $\pi^0$  etc)
- Active veto



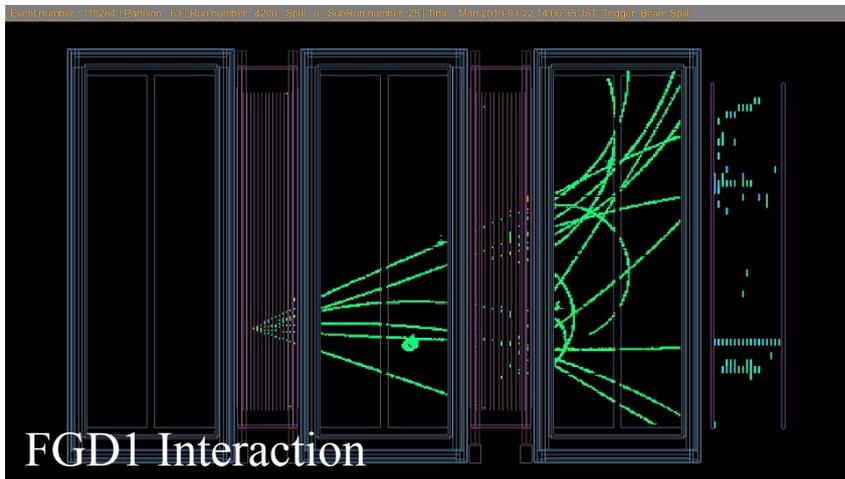
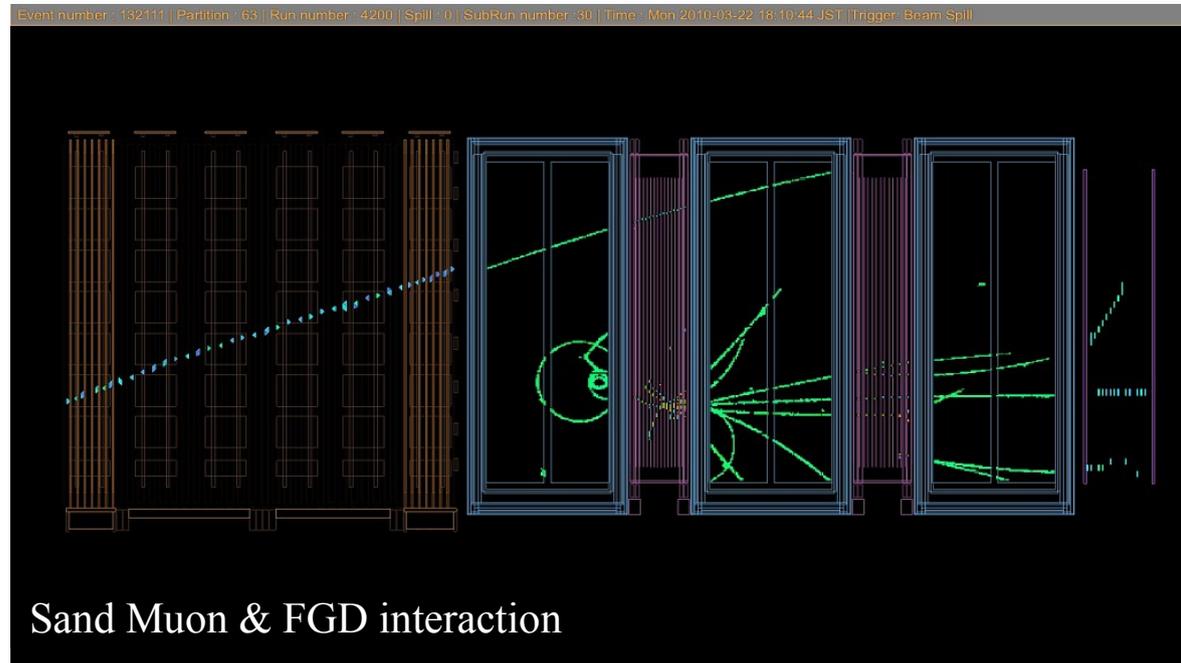
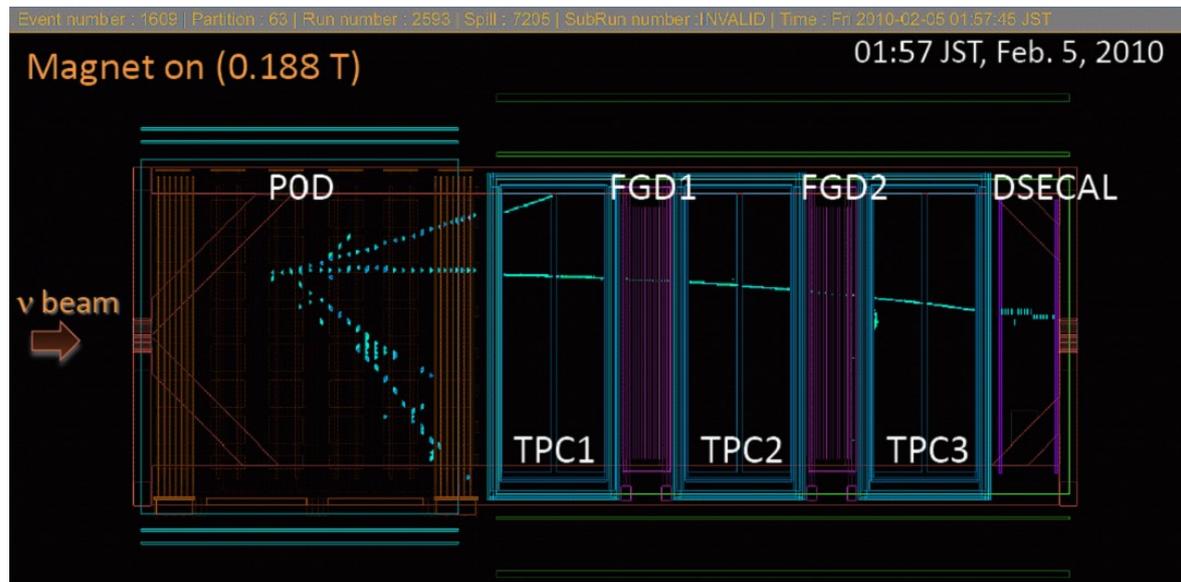
### TPCs (x3) (Time Projection Chambers)

- Measure charged particles from FGD/P0D
- Good PID via  $dE/dx$  measurement

# ND280 Off-axis Event Gallery

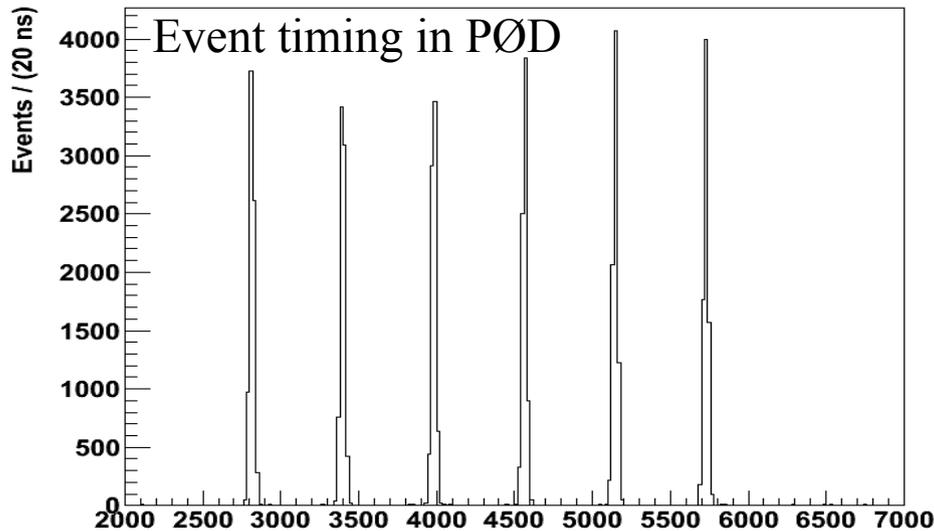


Fine grained scintillation detectors with TPC for momentum measurement

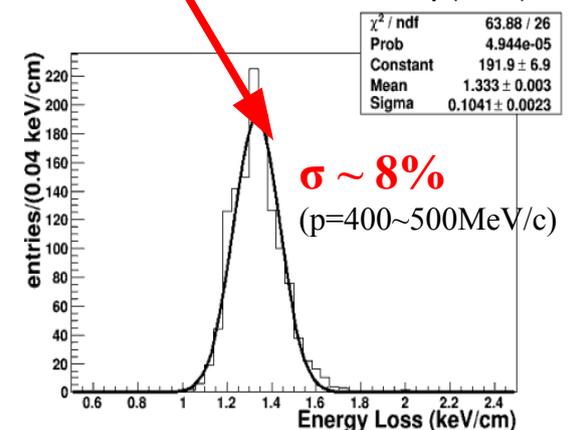
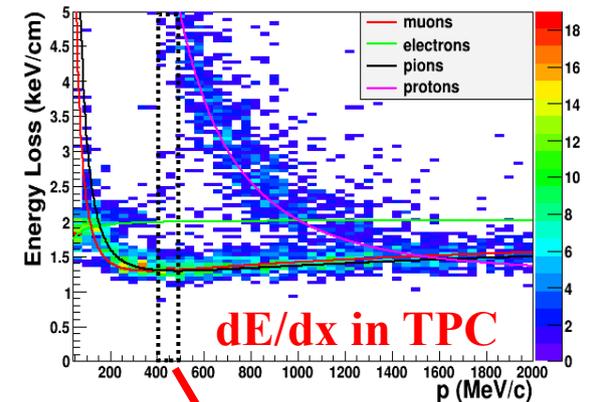
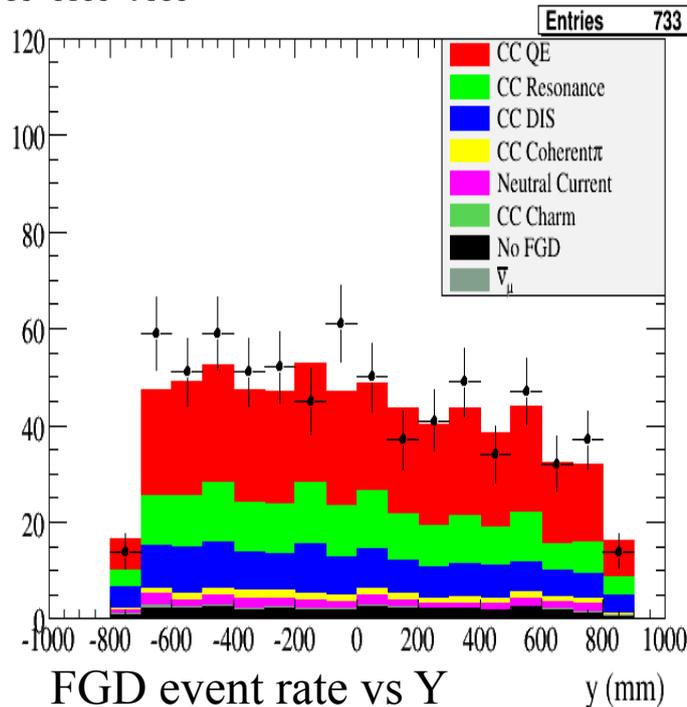
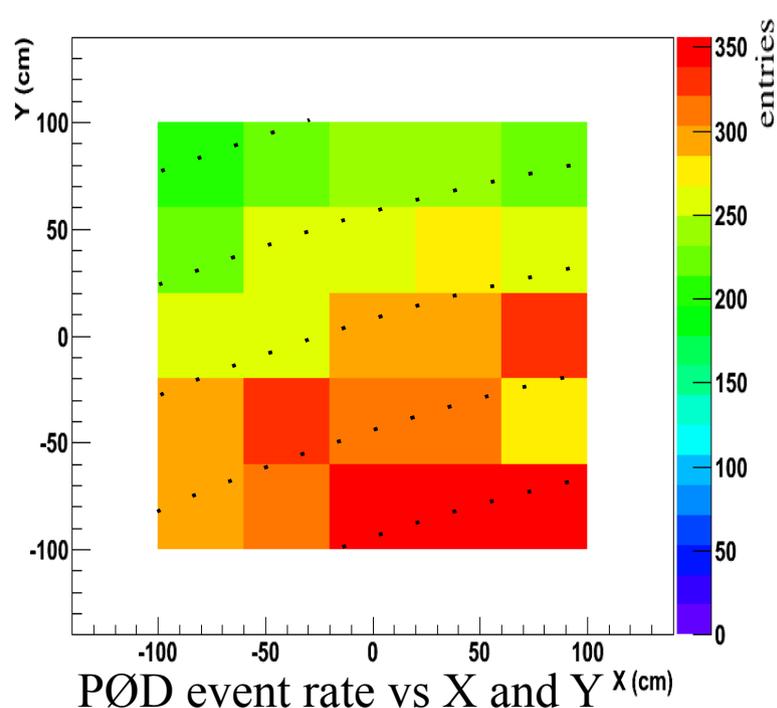


# ND280 Off-axis Performance

Time Distribution of Vertices



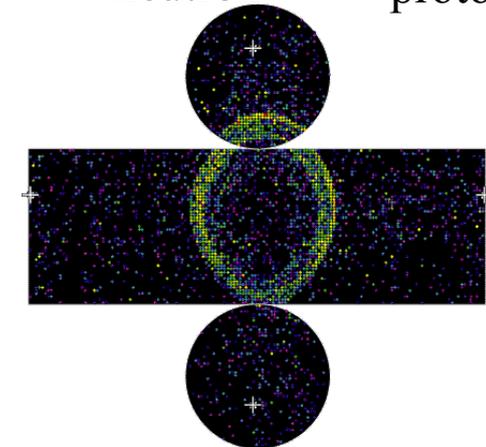
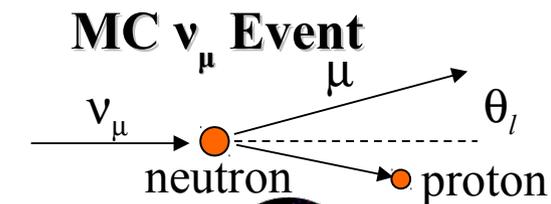
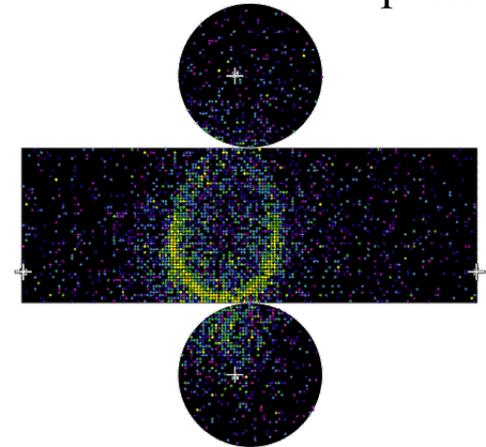
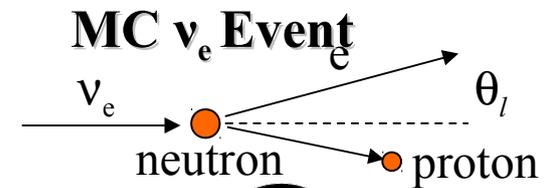
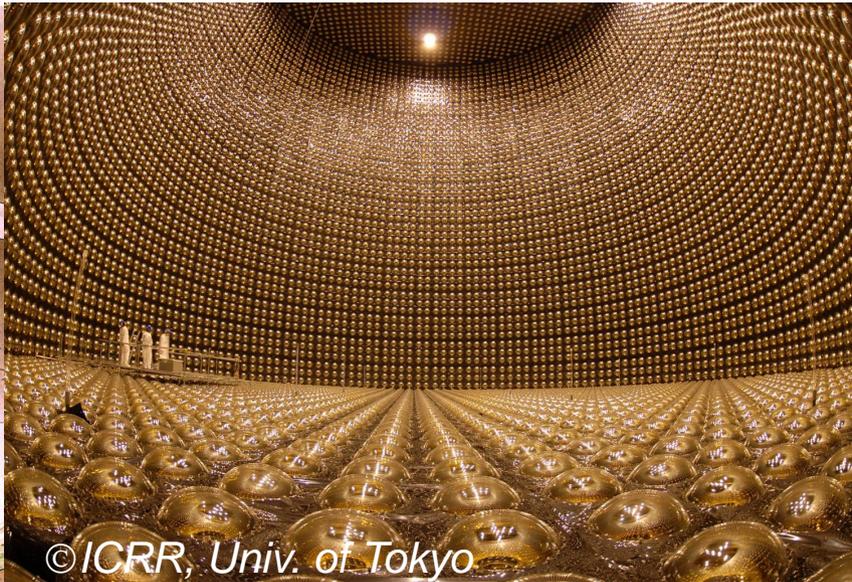
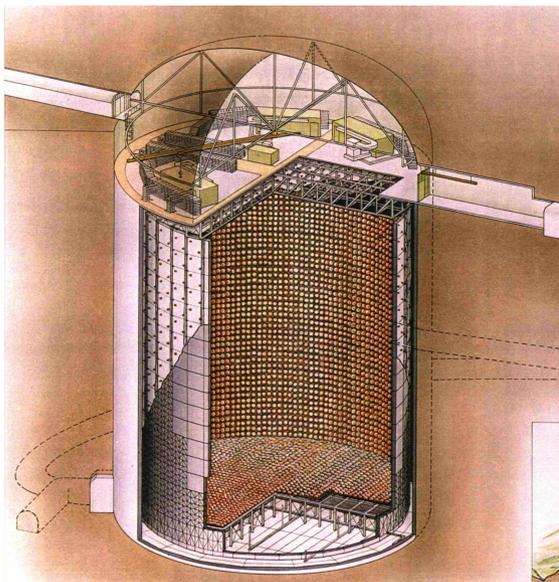
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ECAL (DSECAL)	22,336 (3,400)	35 (11)	0.16% (0.32%)
SMRD	4,016	7	0.17%
PØD	10,400	7	0.07%
FGD	8,448	20	0.24 %
INGRID	10,796	18	0.17 %
TPC	124,416	160	0.13 %



# Far Detector @ 295 km

## Super-Kamiokande

- 50kt Water Cherenkov detector (Fiducial 22.5kt)
- 11,129 20' ID PMTs: 40% photo coverage and 1885 8' OD PMT
- New readout electronics and deadtime free DAQ
  - ➔ Improved decay electron tagging
- 1st oscillation maximum near  $E_\nu \sim 600$  MeV
- Good performance for sub-GeV  $\nu$  detection
  - ➔ Very efficient  $e / \mu$  separation ( $\sim 99\%$  at 600 MeV)
  - ➔ Energy reconstruction:  $\Delta E/E \sim 10\%$  ( $\leftarrow$  2-body kinematics)



# 2010 Analysis Strategy

- Neutrino Flux Prediction
  - ➔ Proton Beam Data
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  - ➔ Interaction Models
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  - ➔ Evaluation of Systematic Errors
  - ➔ Signal and Background Expectation

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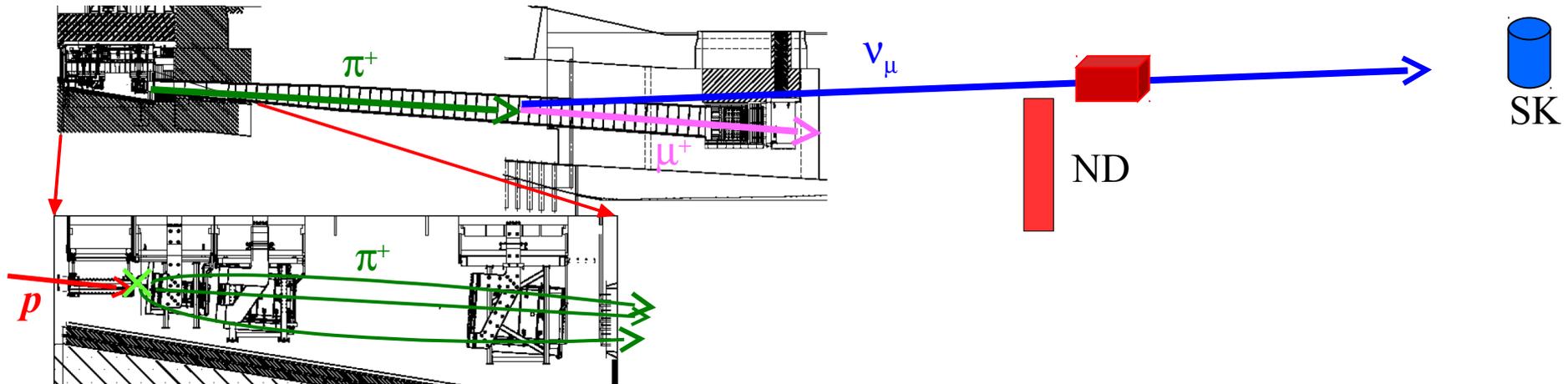
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# Beam MC Flux Prediction



(1) Hadron production by  $p+C$  interaction and secondary interaction in target is simulated using FULKA framework.

\* Pion production cross section is corrected using NA61 data  $\rightarrow$  next page.

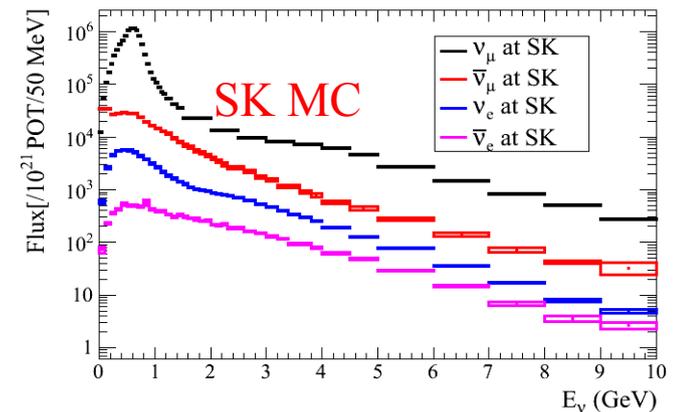
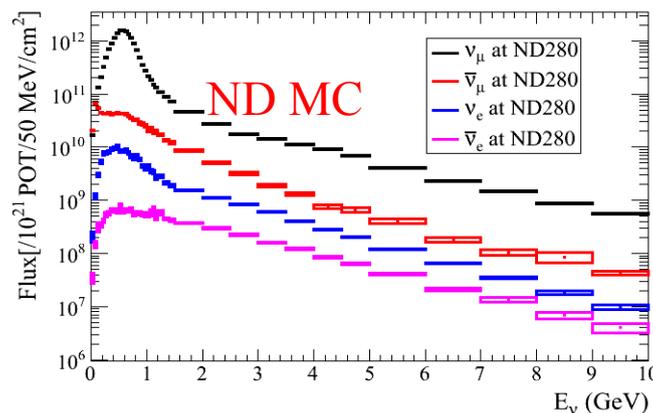
\* Measured proton parameters is assumed.

(2) Propagation of produces hadrons ( $\pi$ , K, etc) including Horn focusing is simulated using GEANT3 framework.

\* Secondary interaction cross section is corrected using existing data by other experiments.

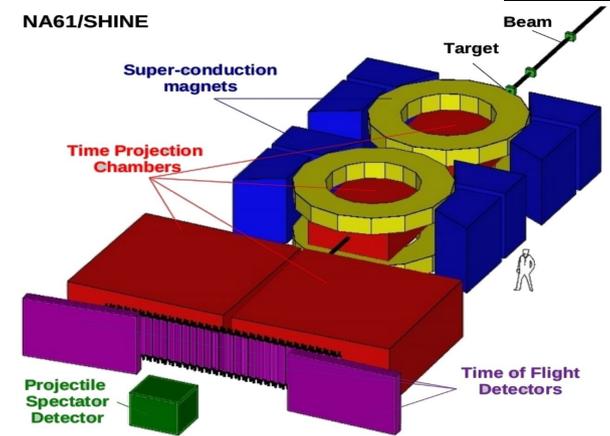
(3)  $\nu$  producing decay is simulated. Geometrical acceptance is calculated.

$\rightarrow$   $\nu$  flux obtained at ND & SK, respectively

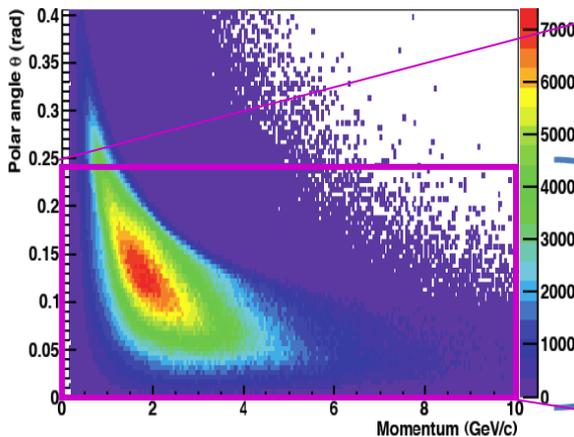


# SHINE/NA61

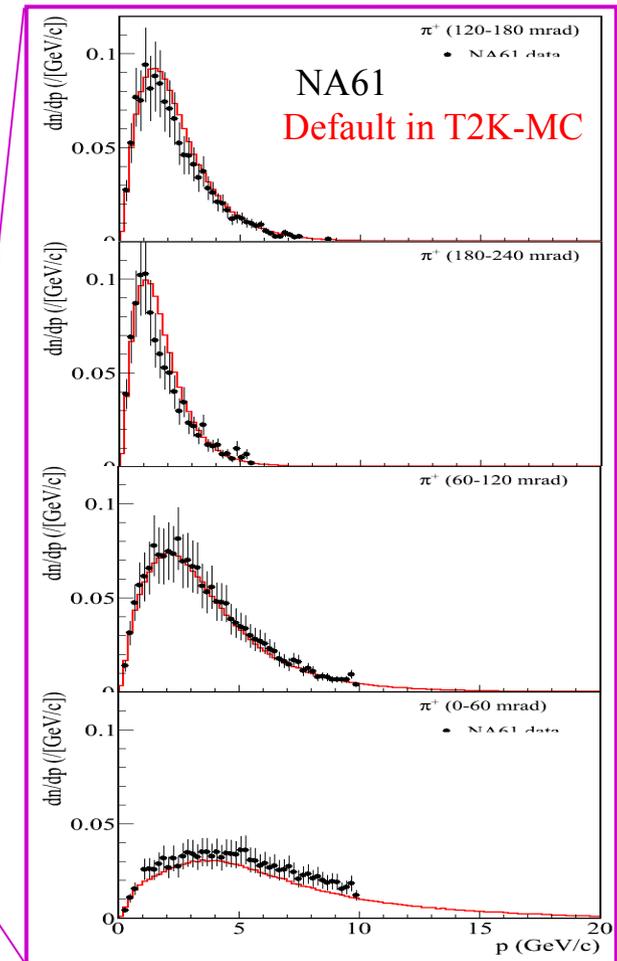
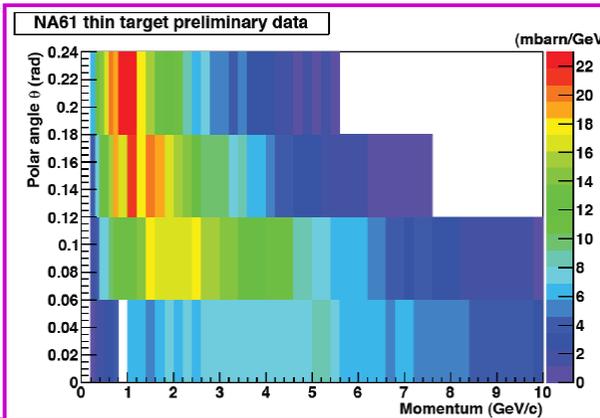
- The SHINE experiment (CERN NA61)
  - ➔ Data was taken in 2007 and 2009.
    - $p$  (30GeV) + C (target thin:2cm / thick: 90cm)
  - ➔  $\pi^\pm$  production model in T2K-MC is corrected by the NA61 preliminary results released in Dec. 2009.
  - ➔ Systematic uncertainty
    - 10% : Inelastic  $p + C$  cross section
    - 20%: Pion multiplicity



MC(T2K): $\pi^+$  produce  $\nu_\mu$  @ SK

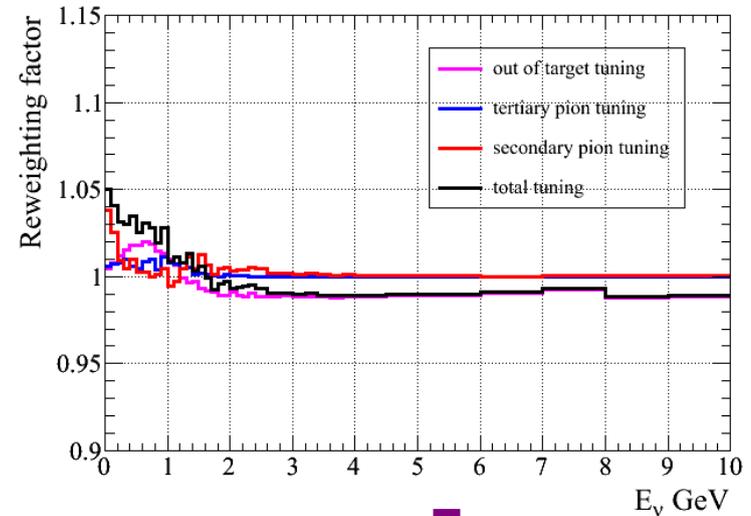
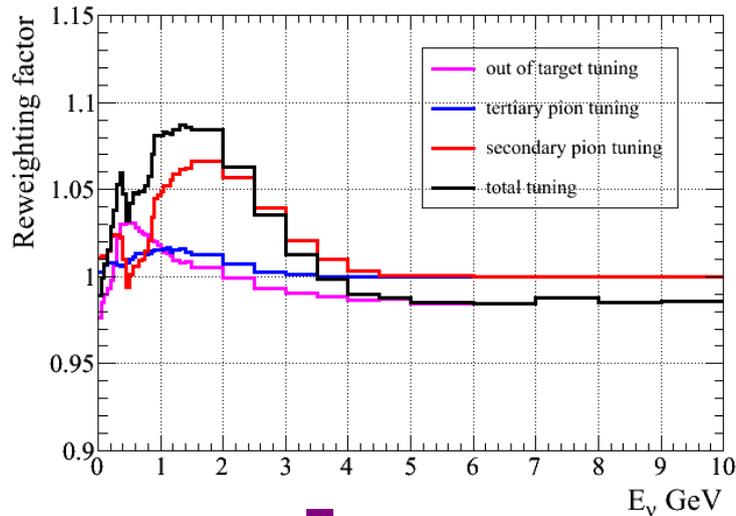


NA61 2007 data:  $\pi^+$



# Tuned Neutrino Fluxes

## Hadron Production Weighting Factors Applied to Beam MC (FLUKA)



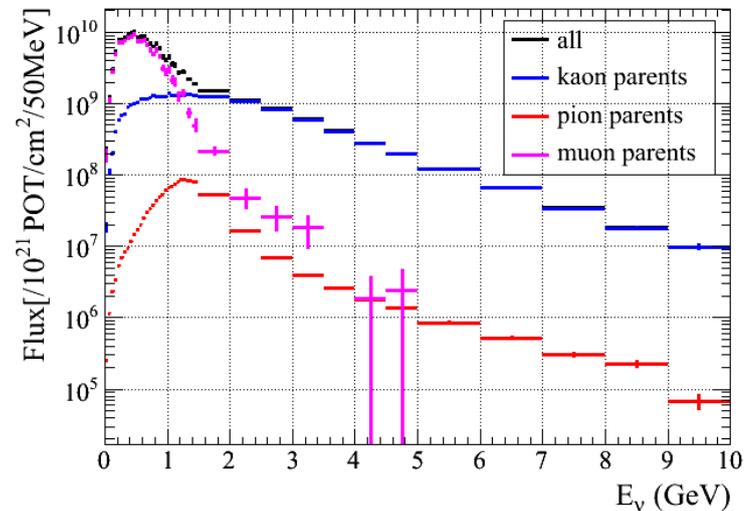
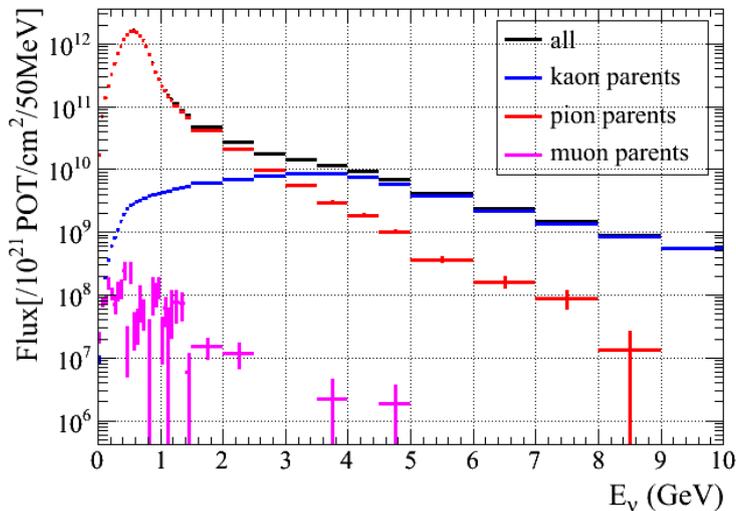
$\nu_{\mu}$



## Tuned Neutrino Fluxes



$\nu_e$



# SK/ND Neutrino Flux Uncertainty

# of events at SK (MC) / # of events at ND280 (MC)

$$N_{\text{SK}}^{\text{expected}} = (N_{\text{ND}}^{\text{DATA}} / N_{\text{ND}}^{\text{MC}}) \times (N_{\text{SK}}^{\text{MC}} + N_{\text{bkg}}^{\text{MC}})$$

Source	( $\nu_e$ Sig.)/ND	( $\nu_e$ Bkg.)/ND	( $\nu_e$ Tot.)/ND
Pion Multiplicity	10.7%	5.6%	9.1%
Kaon Multiplicity	9.6%	7.2%	7.9%
Prod. Cross Sections	4.0%	0.7%	2.8%
Proton Beam	1.1%	2.1%	1.4%
$\nu$ Beam Direction	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%
Target Alignment	0.3%	0.2%	0.3%
Horn Alignment	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%
Horn Current	0.8%	0.2%	0.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>15.0%</b>	<b>9.4%</b>	<b>12.5%</b>

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## ➤ Neutrino Cross-Sections

- ➔ External Data
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# Uncertainties from $\nu$ Interactions

$$N_{SK}^{\text{expected}} = (N_{ND}^{\text{DATA}} / N_{ND}^{\text{MC}}) \times (N_{SK}^{\text{MC}} + N_{\text{bkg}}^{\text{MC}})$$

Comparison of NEUT/GENIE to external data to determine effect of cross section parameter and FSI variations on event rate and efficiencies.

Category	Error [%]
CC QE	Depends on true neutrino energy
CC $1\pi$	30 ( $E_\nu < 2$ GeV)    20 ( $E_\nu > 2$ GeV)
CC coherent $\pi$	100
CC other	30 ( $E_\nu < 2$ GeV)    25 ( $E_\nu > 2$ GeV)
NC $1\pi^0$	30 ( $E_\nu < 1$ GeV)    20 ( $E_\nu > 1$ GeV)
NC coherent	30
NC other	30
FSI error	Depends on reconst. neutrino energy

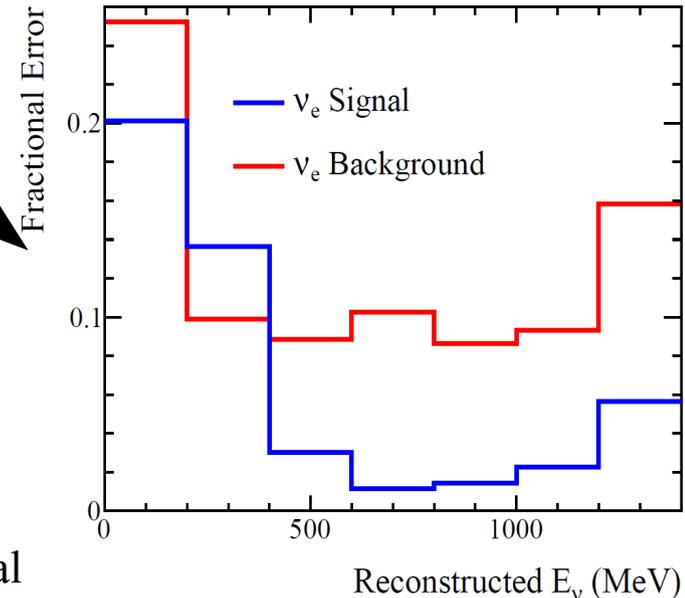
~20% @ 400 MeV  
~15% @ 600 MeV

Uncertainty of the ratio to CCQE

Uncertainty of  $\sigma(\nu e) / \sigma(\nu \mu) = 0.06$



Total uncertainty for  $N_{SK}/N_{ND}$ :  $\pm 14.2\%$  for background  
 $\pm 10.2\%$  for (signal + bkg)



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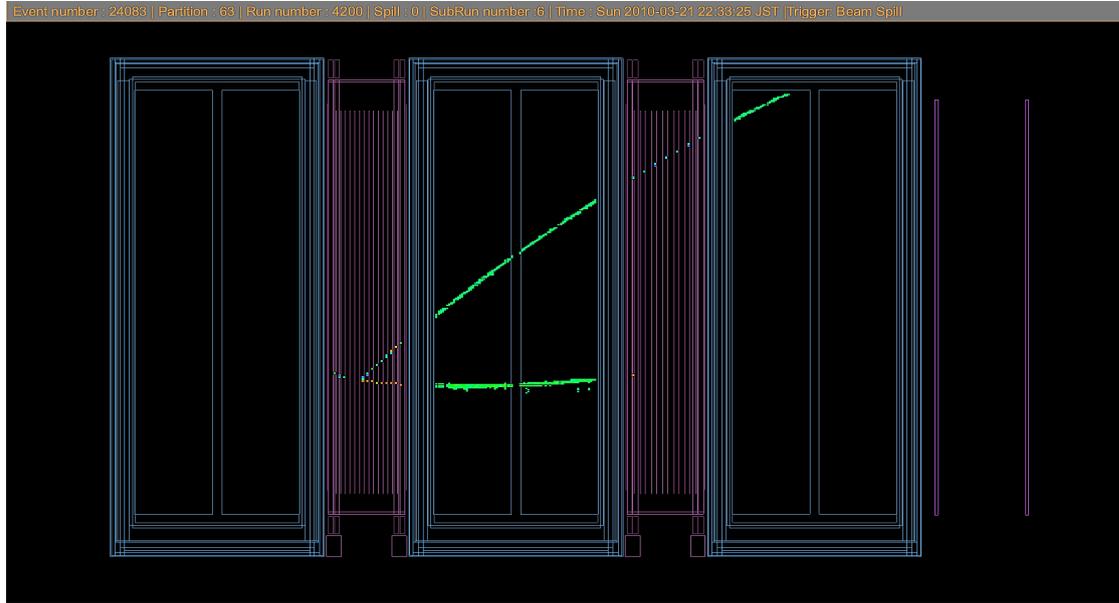
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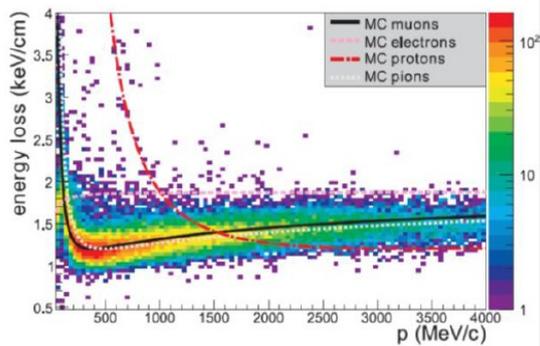
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# ND280 Inclusive CC $\nu_\mu$ Sample

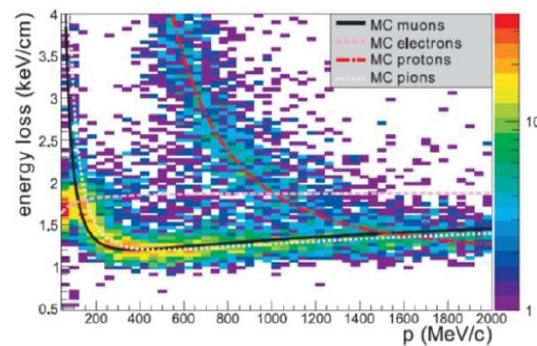


- Selection
  - ➔ If no tracks in the first TPC
    - At least one track in second TPC starting in first FGD fiducial volume
      - $p > 50$  MeV/c
    - For highest momentum track
      - Require muon-like TPC  $dE/dx$
  - ➔ If no tracks in second TPC
    - Apply selection to third TPC and second FGD fiducial volume

TPC PID for particles from neutrino interactions



negative



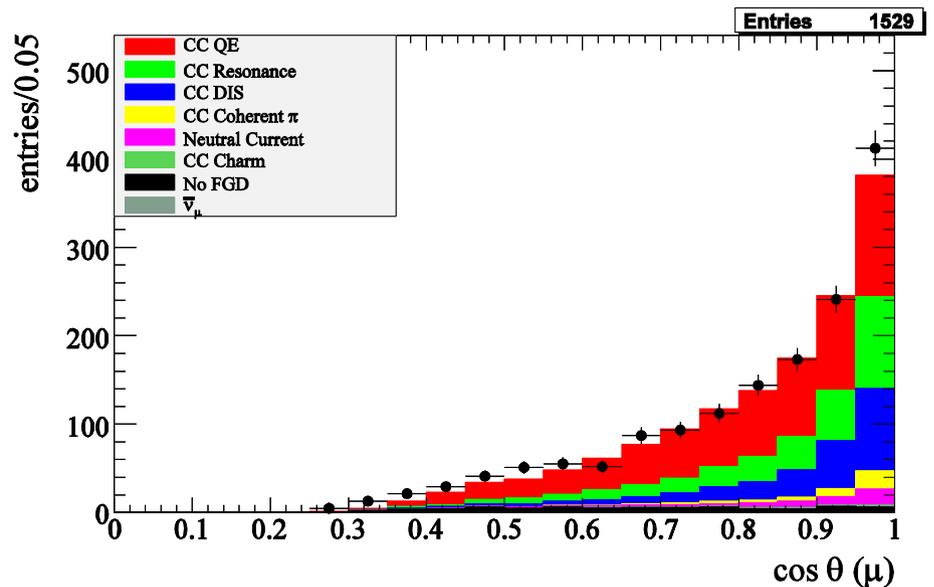
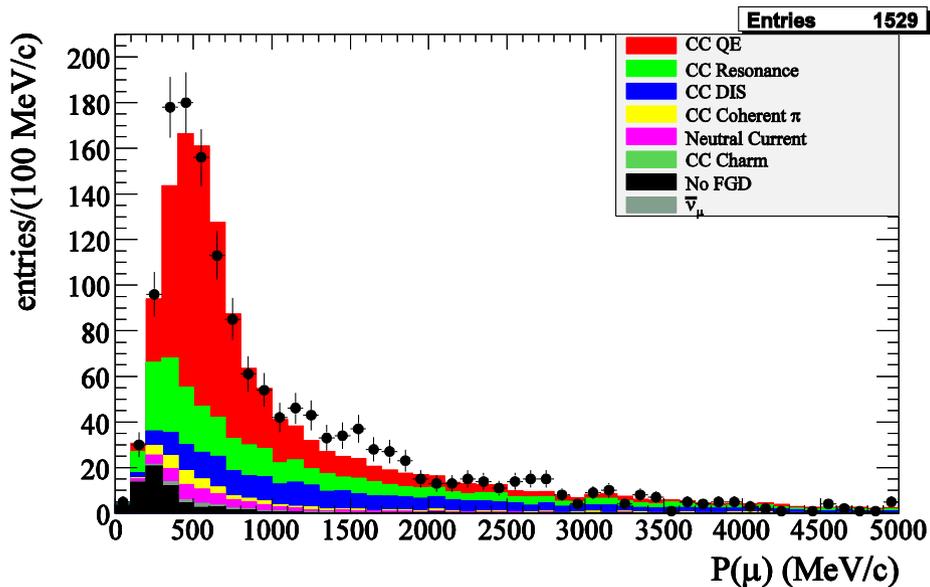
positive

- Analysis only uses low level reconstruction objects
- Sample Purity
  - ➔ 90% CC  $\nu_\mu$
  - ➔ 50% CC QE

# ND280 CC $\nu_\mu$ Normalization ( $R_{\text{data/mc}}$ )

$$N_{\text{SK}}^{\text{expected}} = \left( \frac{N_{\text{ND}}^{\text{DATA}}}{N_{\text{ND}}^{\text{MC}}} \right) \times (N_{\text{SK}}^{\text{MC}} + N_{\text{bkg}}^{\text{MC}})$$

## Kinematic Properties



$$R_{\text{Data/MC}} = 1.061 \pm 0.028 (\text{stat.})_{-0.038}^{+0.044} (\text{det. sys.}) \pm 0.039 (\text{phys. model})$$

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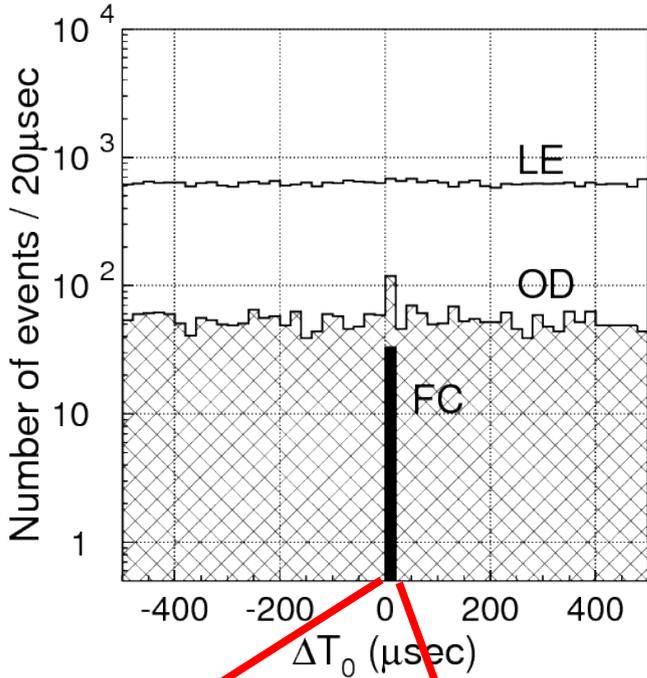
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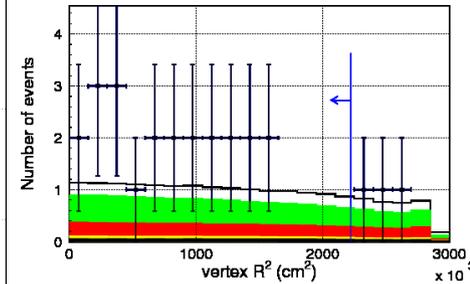
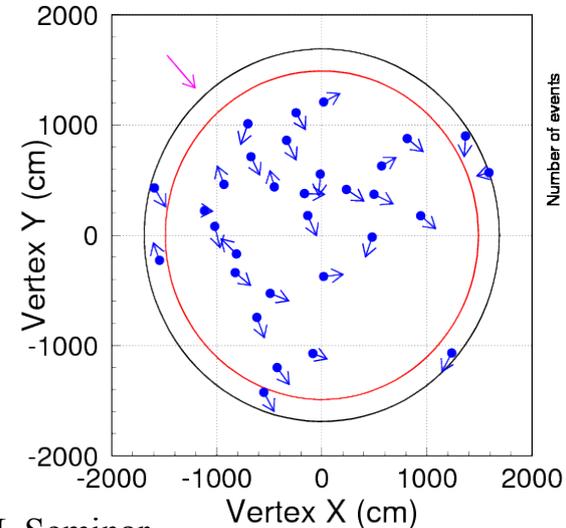
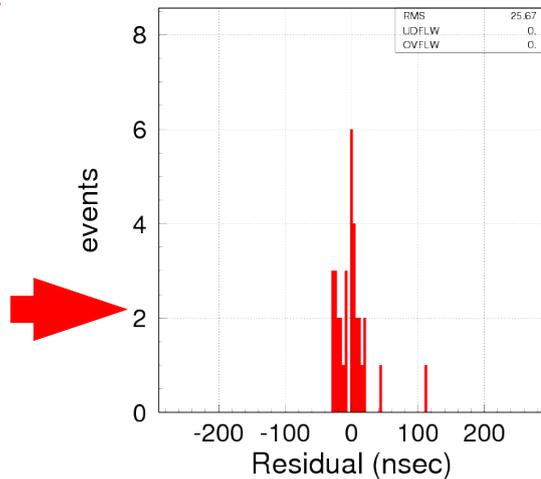
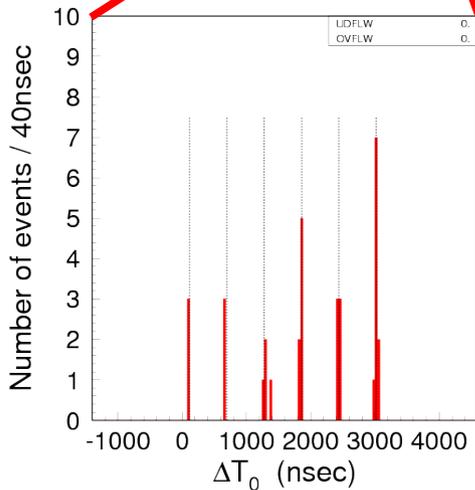
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# Super-K Fully Contained Events



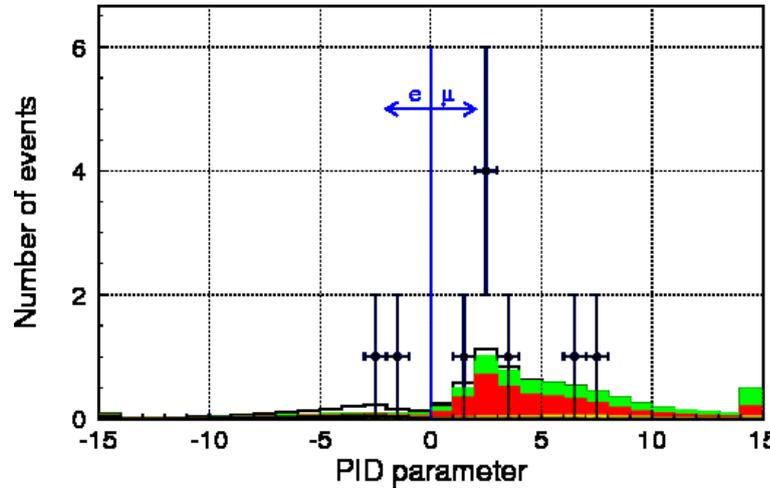
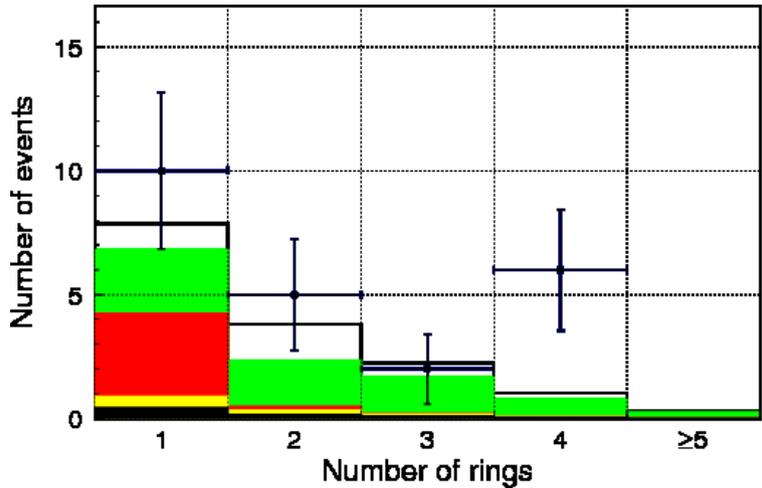
- Select events within  $\pm 500\mu\text{s}$  of spill arrival time.
  - ➔ Time synchronized with GPS
- Select events with no outer-detector signal.

	Data	MC		BG (12 $\mu\text{s}$ window)
		No oscillation	Oscillation $\Delta m^2 = 2.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ (eV}^2\text{)}$ $\sin^2 2\theta_{23} = 1.0$	
Fully-Contained	<b>33</b>	54.5	24.6	0.0094
Fiducial Volume, $E_{\text{vis}} > 30\text{MeV}$	<b>23</b>	36.8	16.7	0.0011



$E_{\text{vis}} > 30 \text{ MeV}$

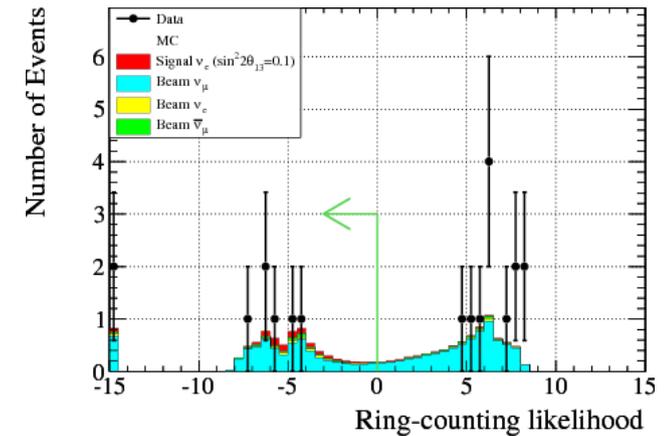
# Super-K Ring Counting and PID



## Oscillated Expectation

- Neutral Current (white)
- $\nu_\mu$  CC non-QE (green)
- $\nu_\mu$  CC QE (red)
- anti- $\nu_\mu$  (yellow)
- beam  $\nu_e$  (black)

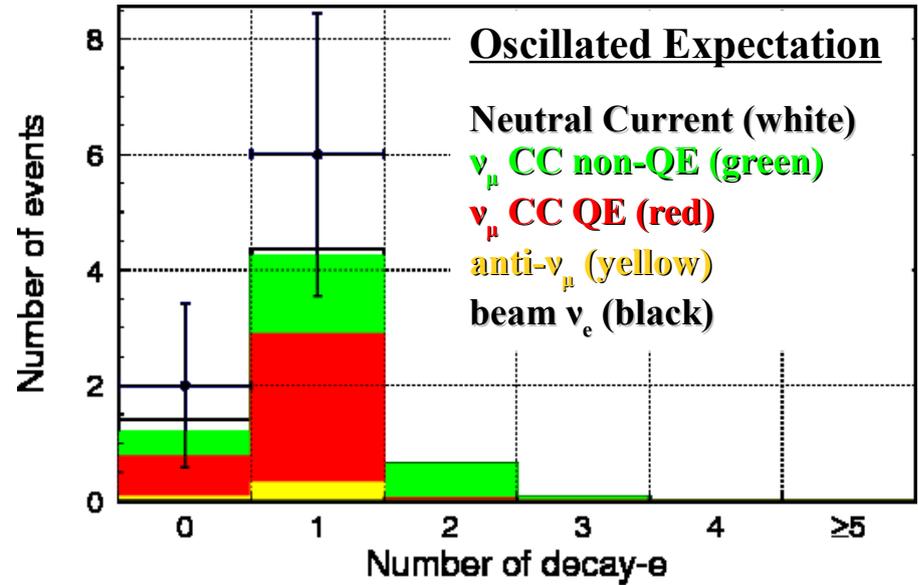
	Data	MC	
		No oscillation	Oscillation $\Delta m^2 = 2.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ (eV}^2\text{)}$ $\sin^2 2\theta_{23} = 1.0$
Fully-Contained	<b>33</b>	54.5	24.6
Fiducial Volume, $E_{\text{vis}} > 30\text{MeV}$	<b>23</b>	36.8	16.7
Single-ring $\mu$ -like ( $P_\mu > 200\text{MeV}/c$ )	<b>8</b> (8)	24.6 ( $24.5 \pm 3.9$ )	7.2 ( $7.1 \pm 1.3$ )
Single-ring e-like ( $P_e > 100\text{MeV}/c$ )	<b>2</b> (2)	1.9 ( $1.5 \pm 0.7$ )	1.5 ( $1.3 \pm 0.6$ )
Multi-ring	<b>13</b>	10.2	8.0



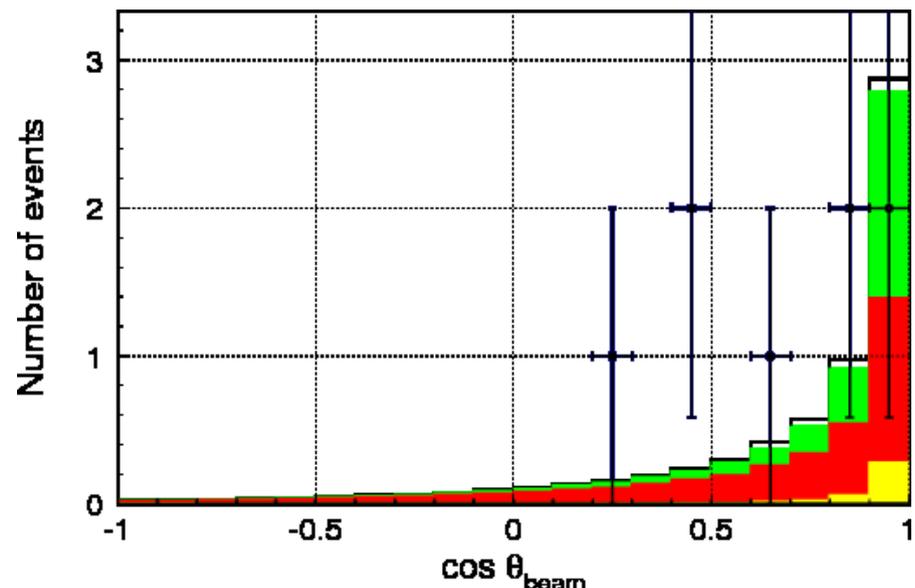
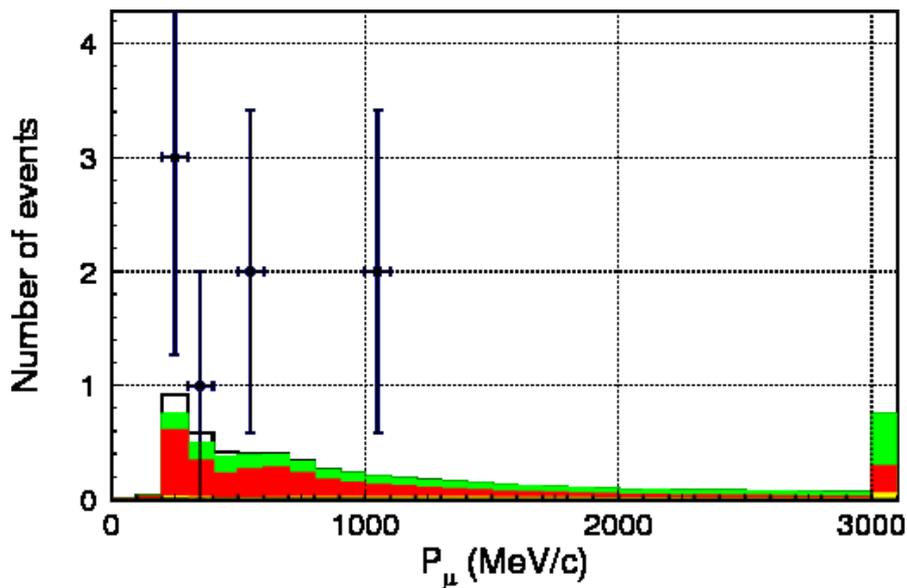
Not the final cuts used in the oscillation analysis.

# Final $\nu_\mu$ Selection

T2K-SK events	Data	MC	
		No oscillation	W/ oscillation
Fully-Contained	33	54.5	24.6
Fiducial Volume, $E_{\text{vis}} > 30\text{MeV}$	23	36.8	16.7
Single-ring $\mu$ -like $P_\mu > 200\text{MeV}/c$	8	24.5 $\pm$ 3.9	7.1 $\pm$ 1.3
+ number decay-e $<= 1$ & $E_{\text{rec}} < 10\text{ GeV}$	8	22.8 $\pm$ 3.2	6.3 $\pm$ 1.0



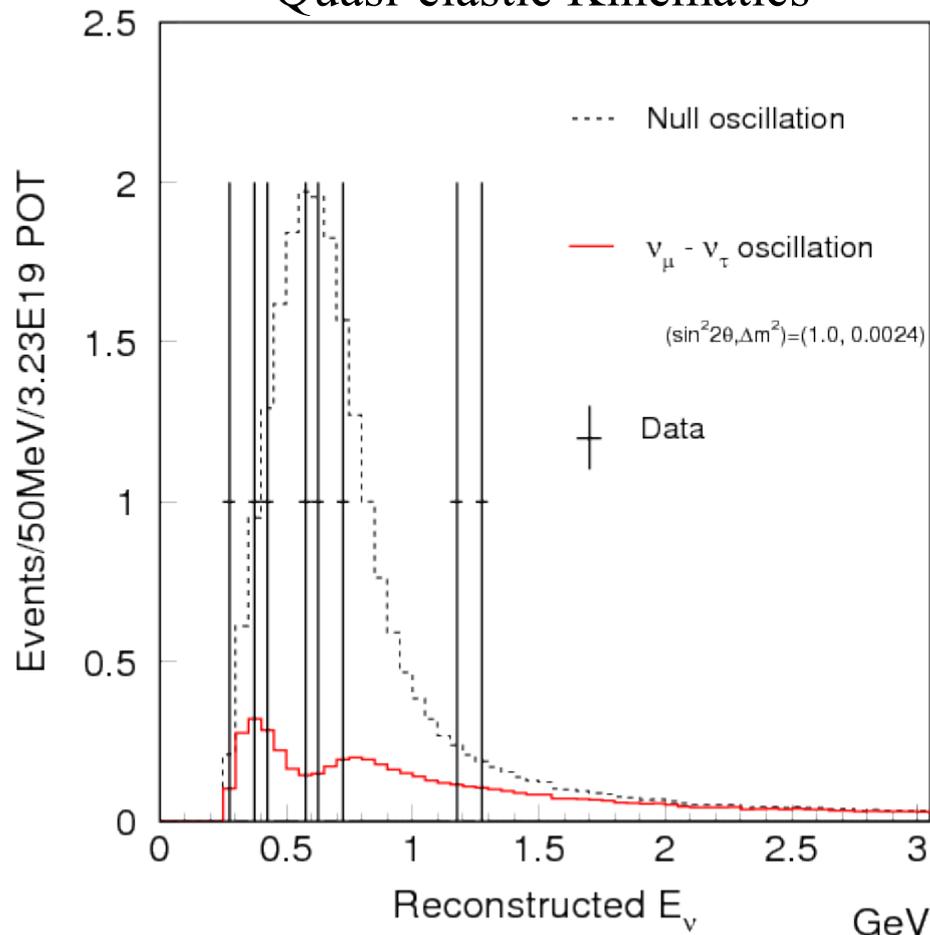
**Final  $\nu_\mu$  Event Selection** ←



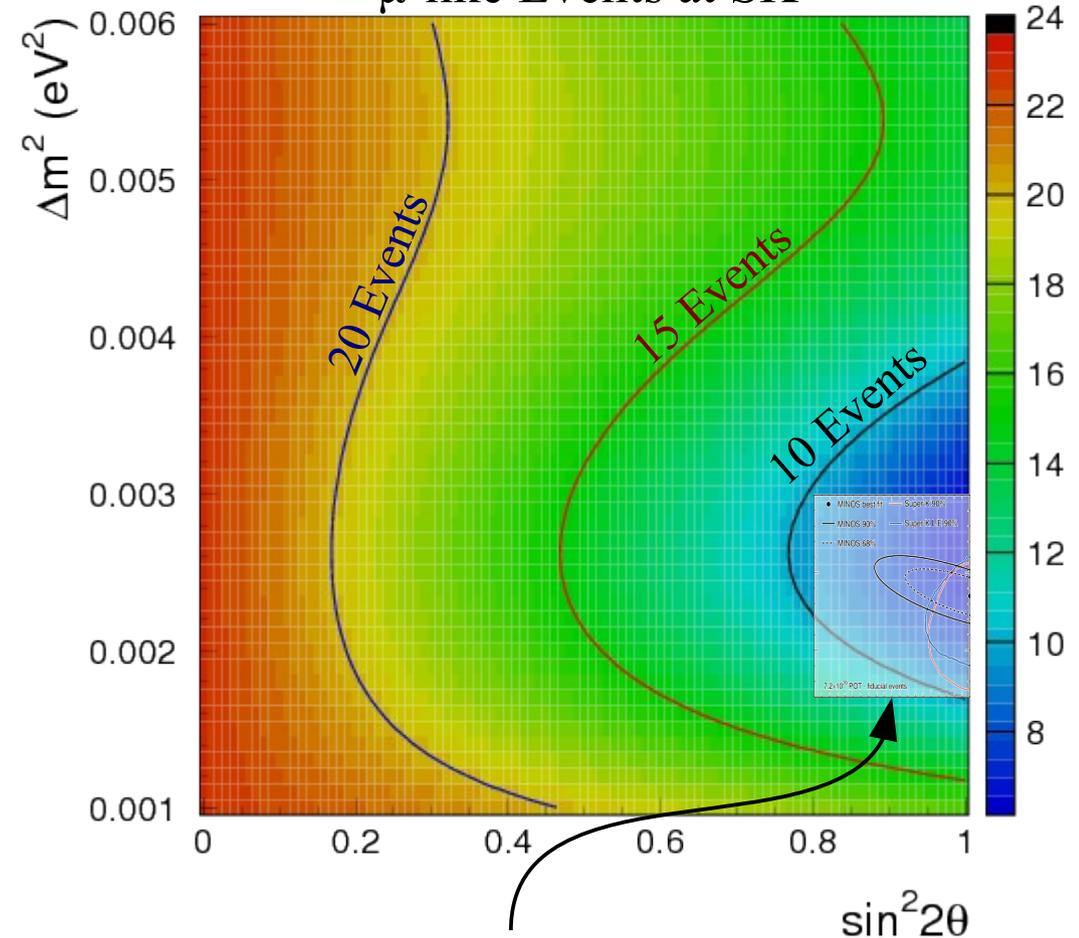
# $\nu_\mu$ Oscillation Expectation

## 8 Single Ring $\mu$ -Like Events Selected

Reconstructed  $E_\nu$  Assuming Quasi-elastic Kinematics



Expected Number of Single-ring  $\mu$ -like Events at SK

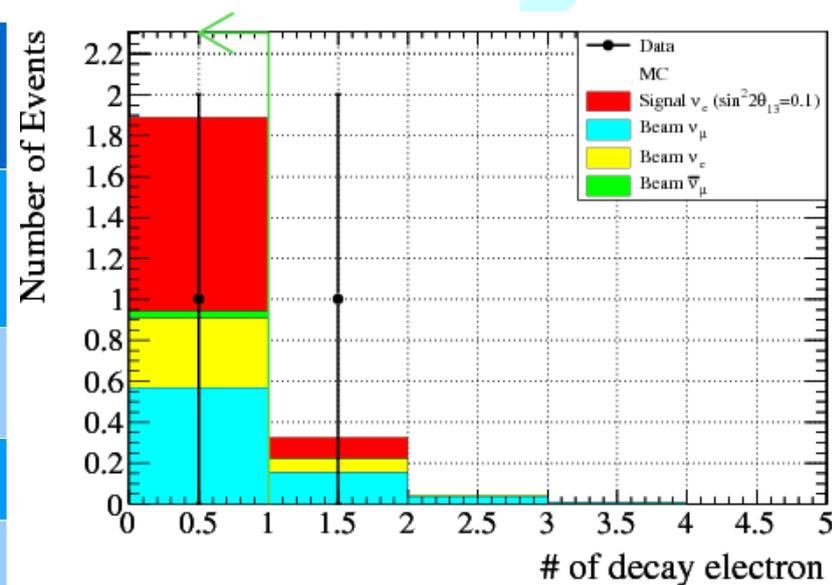


Current MINOS and SK Allowed Regions (Neutrino 2010)

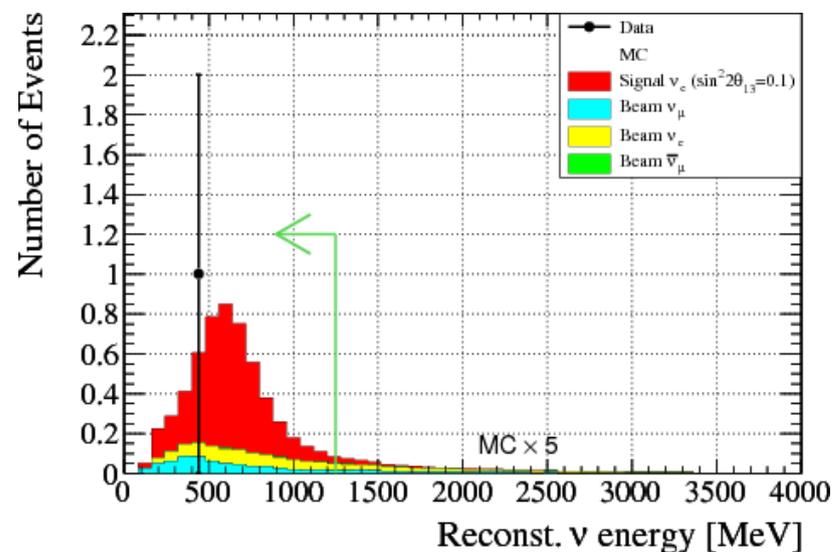
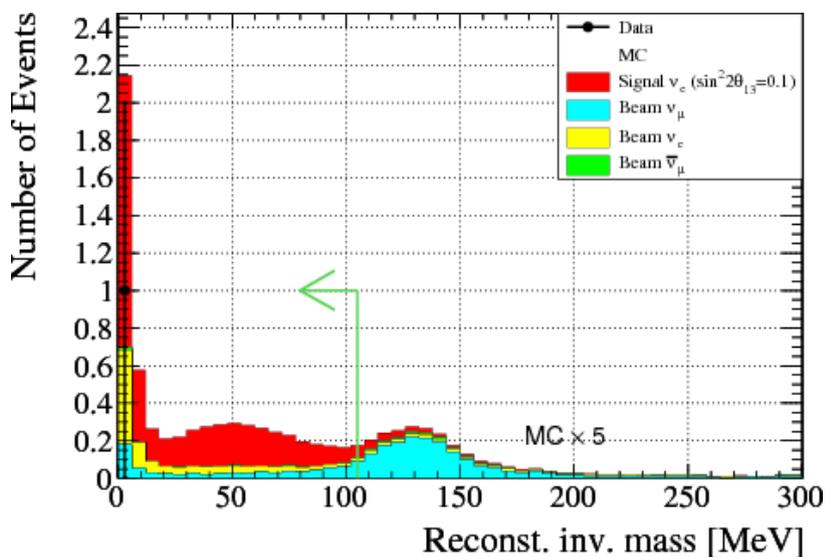
**Consistent with SK, K2K and MINOS**

# Final $\nu_e$ Appearance Selection

T2K-SK Events	Data	Background ( $\Delta m^2=0.0024$ )	Signal ( $\sin 2\theta_{13} = 0.1$ )
FC, Fiducial Volume Evis > 30 MeV	23	15.6	1.24
Single Ring e-like Pe > 100 MeV/c	2	1.22	1.1
No Decay Electron	1	0.94	0.95
Mγγ < 105 MeV/c <sup>2</sup>	1	0.39	0.87
Reconstructed Ev < 1250 MeV	1	0.28	0.85



**Final  $\nu_e$  Event Selection**  
 Signal selection efficiency: 65.9%



# Super-K Reconstruction Systematics

Parameter	Error source	Signal	Background
$f^{SKnorm}$	Normalization	1.4	1.4
$f^{Energy}$	Energy scale	0.3	0.5
$f^{Nring}$	Ring counting	3.9	8.4
$f^{PID\mu}$	Muon PID	0.0	1.0
$f^{PIDe}$	Electron PID	3.8	8.1
$f^{POLfit}$	POLfit mass cut	5.1	8.7
$f^{Ndecy}$	Decay electron finding	0.1	0.3
$f^{\pi^0 eff}$	$\pi^0$ rejection	0.0	5.9

Total Uncertainty

Signal: 7.6%

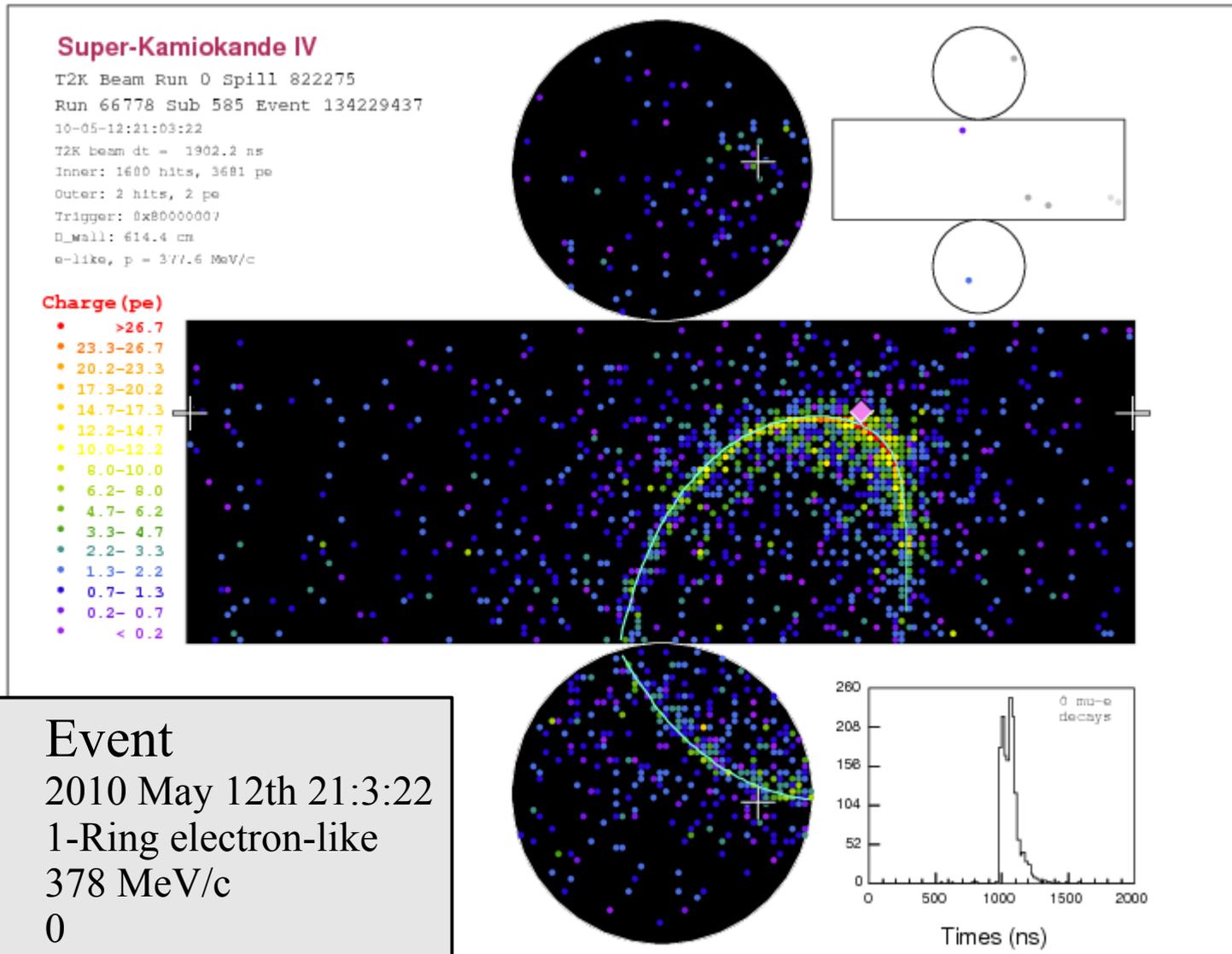
Background: 15.8%

Super-Kamiokande atmospheric neutrinos and “hybrid  $\pi^0$  events” used as control samples.  
Systematic error estimates benefit from SK atmospheric neutrino experience.

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# T2K Preliminary

## The $\nu_e$ Candidate



Item	Event
Date (JST)	2010 May 12th 21:3:22
Ring & PID	1-Ring electron-like
Momentum	378 MeV/c
Decay Elec.	0
Inv. Mass	0.13 MeV/c <sup>2</sup>
$E_\nu$	496 MeV

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# T2K $\nu_e$ Appearance Analysis

## Systematic Uncertainty

Error source	$N_{SK}^{sig}$	$N_{SK}^{bkg}$	$N_{SK}^{s+b}$	$N_{ND}$	$N_{SK}^{bkg}/N_{ND}$	$N_{SK}^{s+b}/N_{ND}$
SK Efficiency	$\pm 7.60$	$\pm 15.81$	$\pm 9.47$	$\pm 0.0$	$\pm 15.81$	$\pm 9.47$
Cross section	$\pm 9.66$	$\pm 13.90$	$\pm 9.88$	$\pm 8.37$	$\pm 14.17$	$\pm 10.61$
Beam Flux	$\pm 21.97$	$\pm 18.12$	$\pm 20.49$	$\pm 19.83$	$\pm 9.17$	$\pm 11.88$
ND Efficiency	$\pm 0.00$	$\pm 0.00$	$\pm 0.00$	+5.60 -5.16	+5.60 -5.16	+5.60 -5.16
Overall Norm.	$\pm 0.00$	$\pm 0.00$	$\pm 0.00$	$\pm 0.00$	$\pm 2.70$	$\pm 2.70$
Total	$\pm 25.17$	$\pm 27.77$	$\pm 24.64$	+22.23 -22.13	+23.95 -23.85	+19.55 -19.43

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Constrained by ND280  
Normalization

Total Systematic Error (Approximate)

Background Only:  $\sim 24\%$

Signal and Background  $\sim 20\%$

Effect of input systematic errors re-estimated for each set of oscillation parameters.

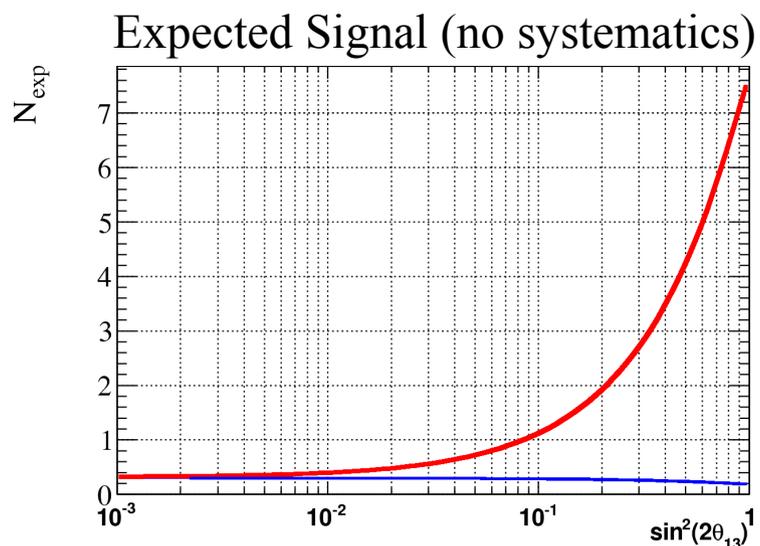
# Expected Background

Source	Estimated Background
Beam $\nu_{\mu}$ (CC + NC)	0.13
Beam $\bar{\nu}_{\mu}$ (CC + NC)	0.01
Beam $\nu_e$ (CC)	0.16
<b>Total</b>	<b><math>0.30 \pm 0.07</math></b>

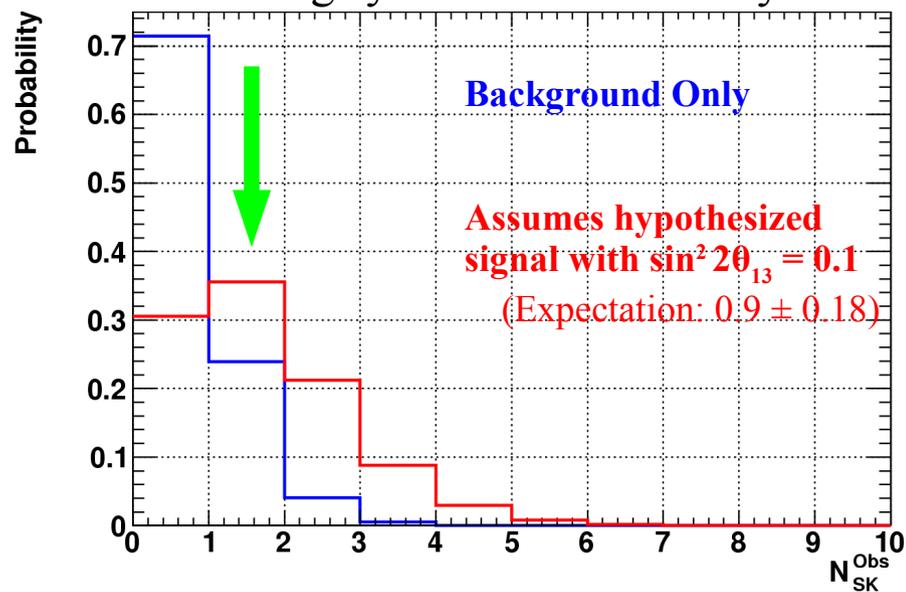
Probability of observing more than zero background events is about 29%

- Poisson statistics plus systematic uncertainty

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Probability of observing  $N_{SK}$  including systematic uncertainty



# T2K Preliminary

## $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ Oscillation Limits

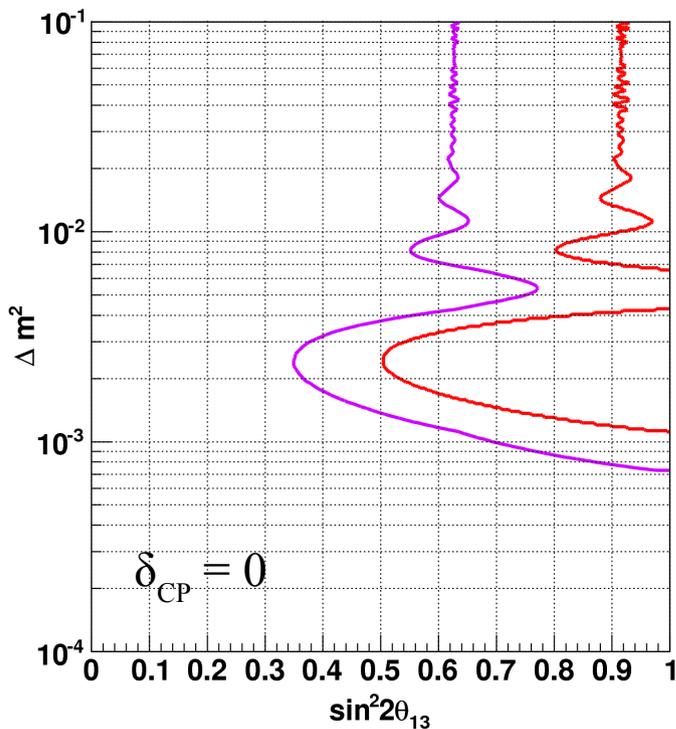
- Neyman confidence intervals are calculated in two ways
  - ➔ **Feldman-Cousins**
  - ➔ **Single-sided Poissonian**

### Feldman-Cousins

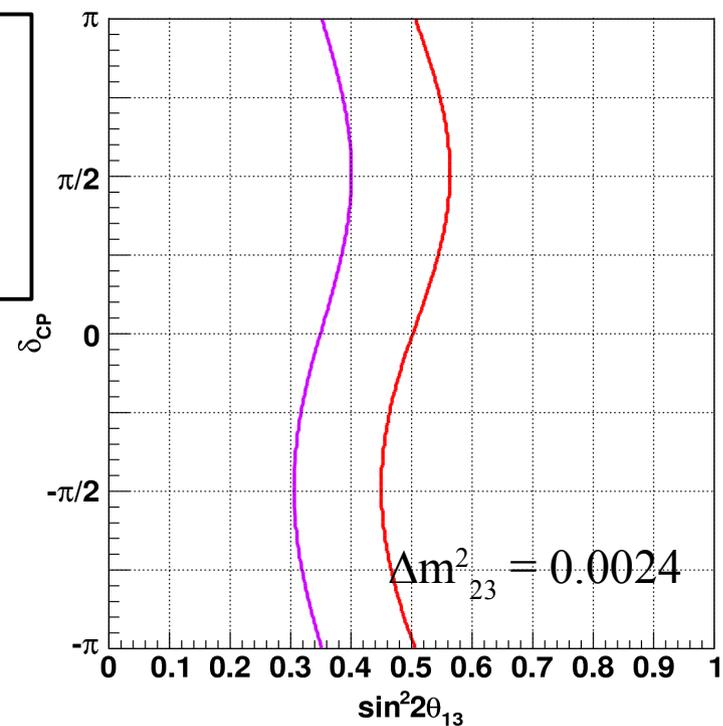
Hierarchy	Upper Limit	Sensitivity
Normal ( $\Delta m_{23}^2 > 0$ )	0.50	0.35
Inverted ( $\Delta m_{23}^2 < 0$ )	0.59	0.42

### Single-sided Poissonian

Hierarchy	Upper Limit	Sensitivity
Normal ( $\Delta m_{23}^2 > 0$ )	0.44	0.32
Inverted ( $\Delta m_{23}^2 < 0$ )	0.53	0.39

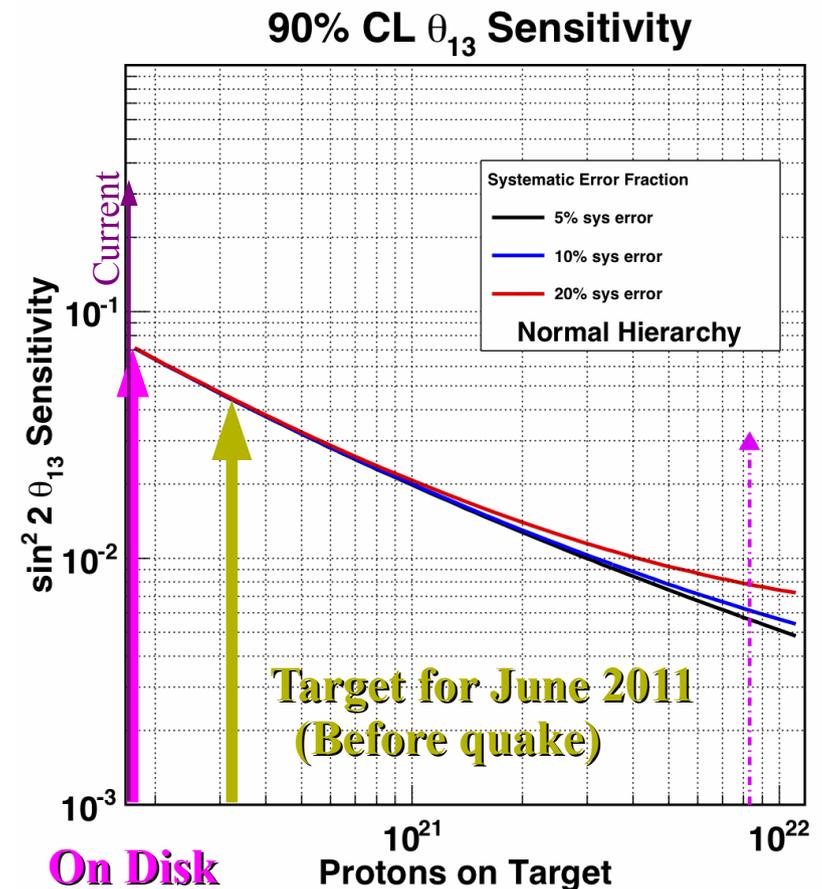


**Feldman-Cousins**  
**Normal Hierarchy**  
 90% Confidence Interval  
 90% Sensitivity



# Prospects for Updated Results

- Exposure collected this year:
  - ➔  $1.45 \times 10^{20}$  P.O.T.
    - (includes 2010a)
  - ➔ 4½ times 2010a analysis
  - ➔ This is  $73\text{kW} \times 10^7\text{s}$ 
    - Original goal:  $150\text{kW} \times 10^7\text{s}$
  - ➔ Will likely be first reported using 2010a analysis technique
    - Still statistics limited.
- Planned Analysis improvements
  - ➔ New NA61 results
  - ➔ Spectral information from ND280 and near/far ratio to reduce model dependence
  - ➔ NC  $\pi^0$  and beam- $\nu_e$  measurements from ND280



# Conclusions

- T2K is the first off-axis long baseline neutrino oscillation experiment
  - ➔ Searching for  $\nu_e$  appearance ( $\theta_{13}$ )
  - ➔ Precision measurement of  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_x$  (atmospheric oscillation) parameters
  - ➔ Data collected from January 2010
- First oscillation results reported based on  $3.23 \times 10^{19}$  protons on target
  - ➔ Observed 1  $\nu_e$  candidate
    - Expected background is  $0.3 \pm 0.07$  events ( $\theta_{13} = 0$ )
    - Upper limit of  $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} < 0.50$  for normal hierarchy ( $< 0.59$  inverted).
  - ➔ Observed 8  $\nu_\mu$  candidates
    - Consistent with SK, K2K and MINOS oscillation parameters.
- Total integrated proton intensity collected is  $1.45 \times 10^{20}$  p.o.t.
  - ➔ Analysis method is being improved
  - ➔ Expect improve on current CHOOZ limit
- Full impact of the earthquake on T2K is unknown

# Backup Slides

# Current Global Best Fit

- hepex-1103.0743v1: Thomas Schwetz, Miriam Tortola, J.W.F.Valle
  - ➔ Dated: 3 March 2011
- Parameters important for T2K
  - ➔  $\Delta m^2_{31} = 0.00245 \pm 0.00009$  (NH) or  $-0.00234 \pm 0.0001$  (IH)
  - ➔  $\sin^2 2\theta_{23} > 0.98$  (at  $1\sigma$ )
  - ➔  $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ 
    - Best fit:  **$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.07$**
    - $3\sigma$  upper limit:  **$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} < 0.17$**

parameter	best fit $\pm 1\sigma$	$2\sigma$	$3\sigma$
$\Delta m^2_{21} [10^{-5}\text{eV}^2]$	$7.64^{+0.19}_{-0.18}$	7.27–8.03	7.12–8.23
$\Delta m^2_{31} [10^{-3}\text{eV}^2]$	$2.45 \pm 0.09$ $-(2.34^{+0.10}_{-0.09})$	2.28 – 2.64 $-(2.17 – 2.54)$	2.18 – 2.73 $-(2.08 – 2.64)$
$\sin^2 \theta_{12}$	$0.316 \pm 0.016$	0.29–0.35	0.27–0.37
$\sin^2 \theta_{23}$	$0.51 \pm 0.06$ $0.52 \pm 0.06$	0.41–0.61 0.42–0.61	0.39–0.64
$\sin^2 \theta_{13}$	$0.017^{+0.007}_{-0.009}$ $0.020^{+0.008}_{-0.009}$	$\leq 0.031$ $\leq 0.036$	$\leq 0.040$ $\leq 0.044$

# Neutrino Oscillations

Interaction Eigenstates

Mass Eigenstates

$$|\nu_\alpha\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n U_{\alpha i} |\nu_i\rangle \quad |\alpha \in e, \mu, \tau$$

Mixing Matrix

$$U_{\alpha i} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13} e^{-i\delta_{cp}} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13} e^{-i\delta_{cp}} & 0 & c_{13} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

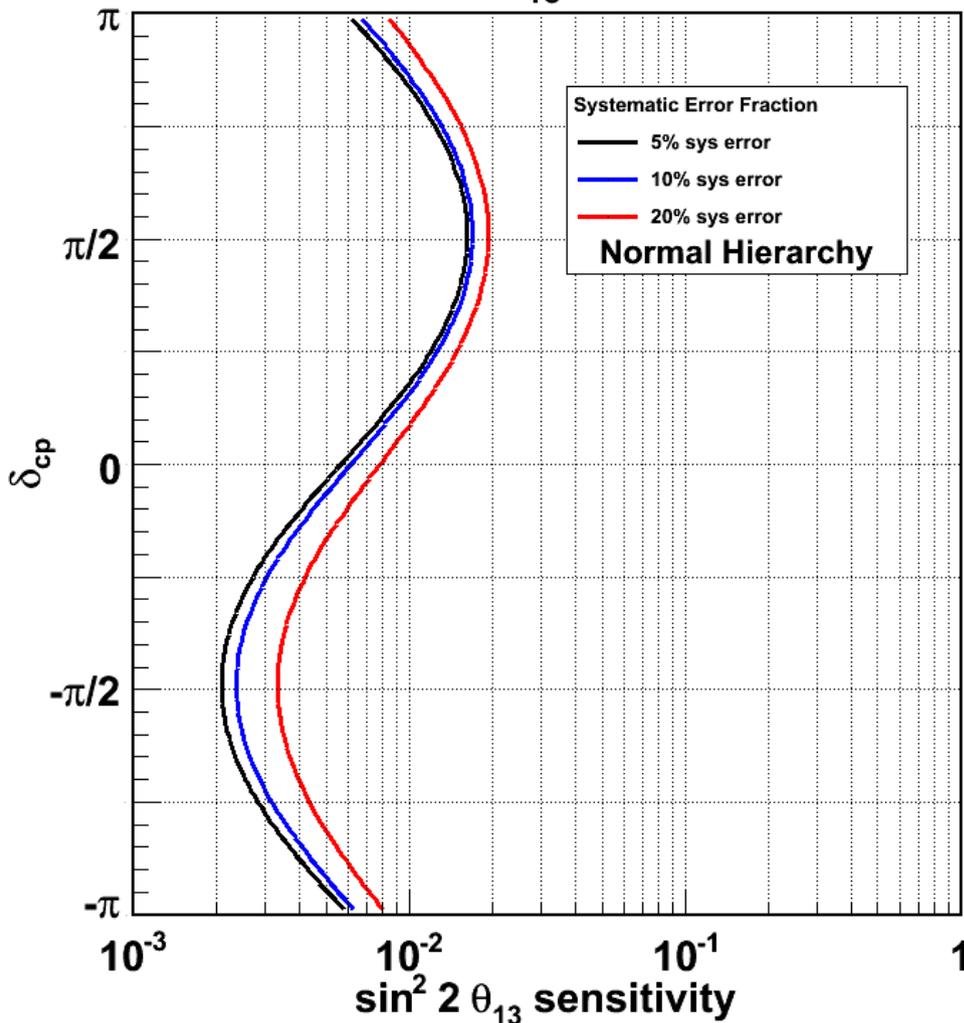
Atmospheric  
Oscillations

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Solar  
Oscillations

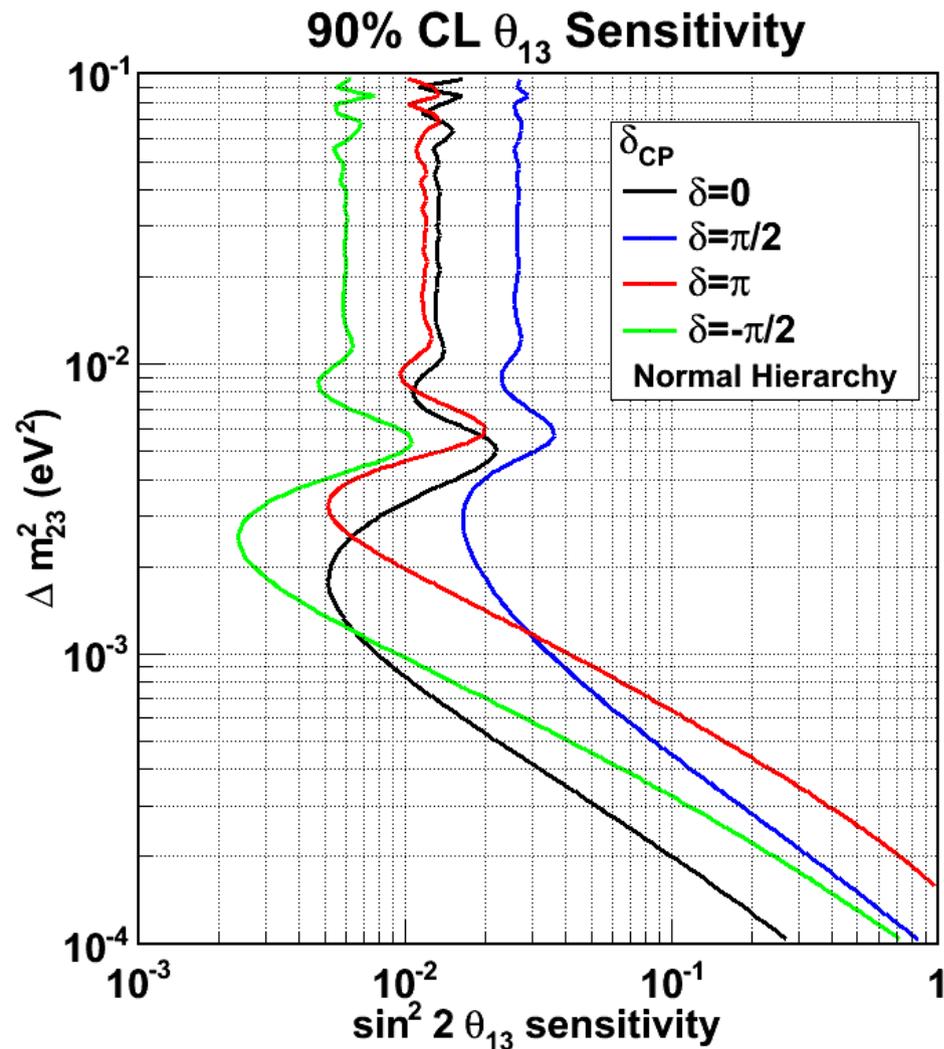
# T2K Sensitivity vs $\delta_{CP}$

90% CL  $\theta_{13}$  Sensitivity



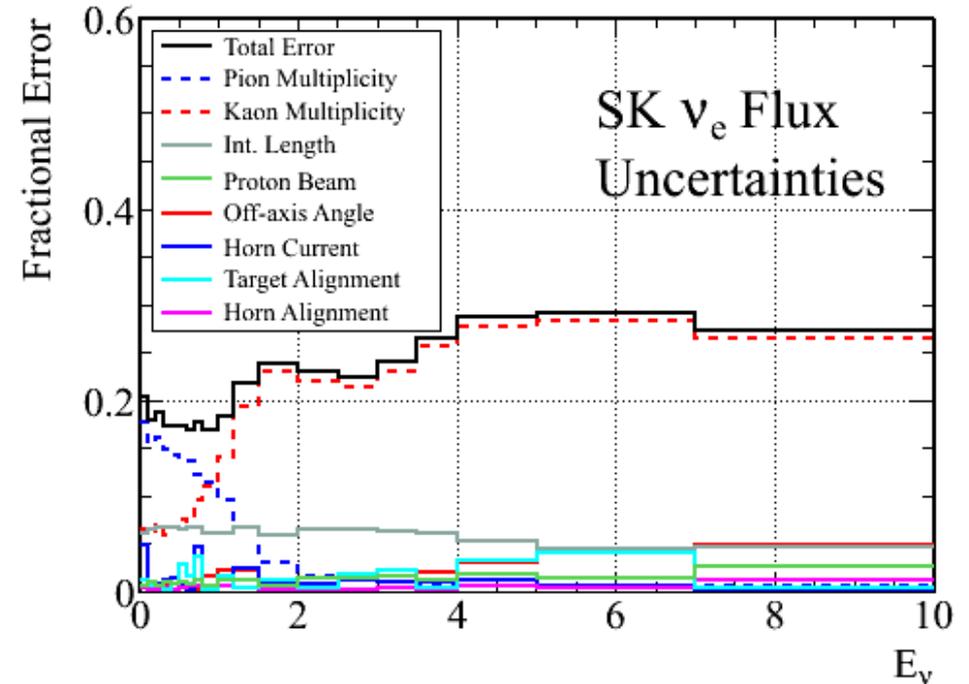
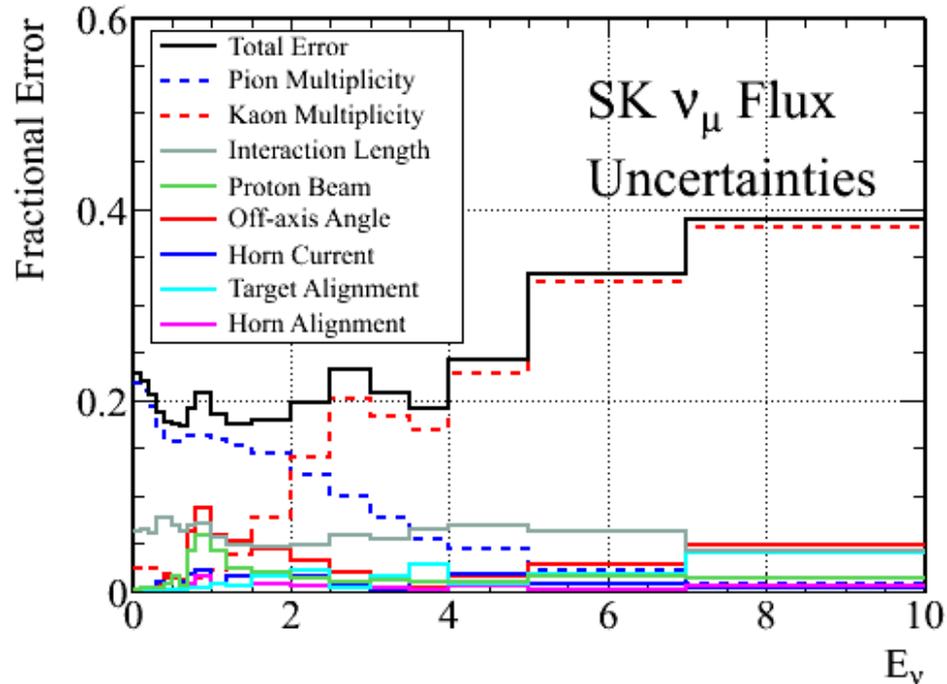
- T2K sensitivity to  $\theta_{13}$  at the 90% confidence level as a function of  $\delta_{CP}$ .
- Beam is assumed to be running at 750kW for 5 years, using the 22.5 kton SK fiducial volume.
- The following oscillation parameters are assumed:
  - ➔  $\sin^2 2 \theta_{12} = 0.8704$ ,
  - ➔  $\sin^2 2 \theta_{23} = 1.0$ ,
  - ➔  $\Delta m^2_{12} = 7.6 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$ ,
  - ➔  $\Delta m^2_{13} = 2.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$ ,
  - ➔ Normal hierarchy.

# T2K Sensitivity vs $\Delta m^2_{13}$



- T2K sensitivity to  $\theta_{13}$  at the 90% confidence level as a function of  $\Delta m^2_{13}$ .
- Beam is assumed to be running at 750kW for 5 years, using the 22.5 kton SK fiducial volume.
- The following oscillation parameters are assumed:
  - $\sin^2 2\theta_{12} = 0.8704$ ,
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  - Normal hierarchy.

# Neutrino Flux Uncertainty



- Dominant Uncertainties
  - ➔ Pion Multiplicity at low  $E_\nu$
  - ➔ Kaon Multiplicity at high  $E_\nu$
- Expect improvement with final SHINE/NA61 Data

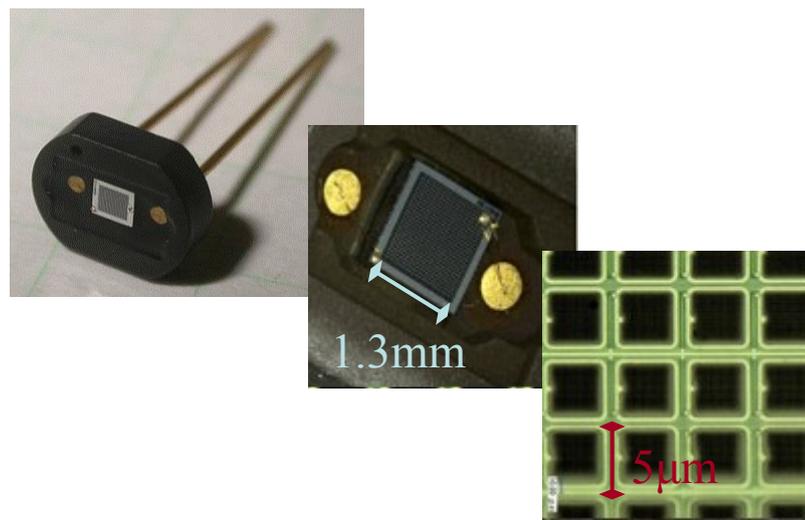
# T2K Scintillator Det. Technology

(ECAL, FGD, INGRID, P0D, SMRD)

Active material of detector is plastic scintillator bars with WLS fibres in central channels to photosensors.

- ✓ Well proven & economical: Similar technology used by K2K, MINOS, MINERvA, SciBooNE...

T2K uses an innovative readout: **Multi-Pixel Photon Counters:**



667 pixels, each acts as an avalanche photodiode in Geiger mode. Impervious to magnetic field. Operating voltage is  $\sim 70$  V.

Pixels are read out by a single anode. Charge is proportional to number of photons observed

T2K uses about 60,000 MPPCs in the ND280 scintillator detectors.

# The ND280 Hall (Hole)

